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Developer stays in prison

Judge rules J. Flynn's dealings in Bethel violated his probation

By MICHAEL DANIELS

A federal judge in New Hampshire has ruled that former Bethel developer John Flynn Jr. has violated a number of conditions of his probation, and that there is reason to believe a variety of state and federal laws were also violated in the course of Flynn's business dealings in Bethel.

U.S. District Court Judge Shane Devine formally revoked Flynn's probation last week, and is expected to sentence the developer again within a month.

Flynn could face as many as five more years in prison.

Flynn has been in federal custody since August of last year, when he was arrested by U.S. Marshalls on the probation violation charges.

His probation stemmed from a 1983 conviction for conspiracy and mail fraud in connection with his role in the Stewart-Meyers real estate swindle -- which to this day remains the largest white collar crime in New Hampshire history.

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SAD44

Board ups admin salaries 5%

By WENDY HANSCOM

The SAD44 School Board voted Monday night to give the district's top administrators a five percent across-the-board raise in FY '95. The raise applies to the seven members of the SAD44 Administrators Association; it does not cover Superintendent Ron Jenkins, who has a separate contract.

The raise was unanimously recommended by the board's Negotiation Committee, whose members are Merton Brown, John Brown and John Percival.

Administrative salaries in SAD44 were frozen in FY '94, but the insurance packages for individual administrators increased from \$4,020 to \$4,500. The group received a 5 percent pay increase in FY '93.

Bethel director Fran Tyler was the only board member to vote against the pay hike. "We can't afford it," Tyler said. "Until we get music back and some of the other programs we've cut back, we can't afford to increase salaries."

Name/Position	Length of work year	FY' 94 salary	FY' 95 salary
D. Murphy/CPS Prin.	11 mo.	\$46,200	\$48,510
B. Bell/MS Prin.	10 mo.	40,541	42,568
T. Davis/HS Prin.	11 mo.	46,200	48,510
C. Higgins/HS Asst. Prin/A.D.	10 mo.	39,462	41,435
C. Plummer/WES/AES Prin.	10 mo.	29,946	31,443
C. Newell/Adult Ed. Dir.	10 mo.	36,488	38,312
A. Holt/Spec. Ed. Dir.	11 mo.	39,917	41,913



STEAMY SOUP, STEAMY BREATH--Frank Vogt of Bethel ladies out some hot nourishment to Jane Chandler of Woodstock, during Saturday's "Joy of Skiing" celebration at the Artists' Bridge in Newry. Two-hundred skiers enjoyed fine, if frigid, weather and the pleasure of skiing for a good cause, the American Lung Association. The annual event is jointly sponsored by the Lung Association and the Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Ski Center.

(Photo by Michael Daniels)

Annual Town Meetings

Employee pay hikes sought in Andover

By BARBARA ADAMS

Andover citizens will vote on over 40 articles at the March 5 Town Meeting, covering items such as town employee raises, an amended animal control ordinance, and a request from the fire department for large diameter hose.

There is a request for an increase in compensation for the Andover town clerk, registrar of voters, tax collector, and treasurer.

Both the budget committee and selectmen have recommended an increase from \$1,568 to \$1,616 for

the town clerk; from \$250 to \$260 for the registrar of voters; from \$5,150 to \$5,300 for the tax collector; and from \$4,020 to \$4,200 for the treasurer.

Also sought is an increase from \$10.75 to \$11 an hour for the road commissioner; \$8 to \$8.25 for the highway employee; \$5.95 to \$6.15 for the deputy treasurer; \$5.95 to \$6.15 for the deputy clerk; \$5.50 to \$6 for the cleaning employee; and \$5.95 to \$6.10 for the dump attendant.

Article 7 seeks an amount for

wages for selectmen to attend assessing courses, with the budget committee and selectmen recommending \$400. The 1993 amount was \$1,200.

Article 41 seeks to amend the animal control ordinance, and impose a \$25 fine plus court costs on persons convicted of violations, plus a \$250 fine for each offense over three for persons convicted by the Maine District Court. All fines recovered shall be for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of Andover.

Article 5 asks if the town will vote to have all elected officials and employees paid on an "as earned" basis, with any advance pay unanimously approved by the board of selectmen.

The matter of employee insurance benefits is addressed in Article 9, which asks if the town will pay 50 percent of employees' benefits for dependents, beginning in 1994. This would include anyone currently covered by regular employee

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Newry faces 11 percent budget increase

By WENDY HANSCOM

Newry voters will be asked Monday night to approve a municipal budget of \$354,804 -- up \$42,149, or 11.3 percent, from last year's budget of \$312,665.

How the increase will affect the town's mill rate is uncertain, because school taxes have not been levied yet. But Selectman Steve Wight predicted that new taxpayers at the Summit Hotel will help offset the budget swell.

A predicted increase in the cost of trash disposal accounts for more than a third of the budget increase.

Last year the town spent \$103,164 hauling trash out of town. This year selectmen are asking for \$118,430 for waste removal.

"The amount of trash generated in town is up," Wight said. "That's due primarily to increased activity at Sunday River Ski Resort and the Summit Hotel."

The waste budget is up despite a \$6,000 reduction in fees to the town of Bethel for use of Bethel's stump dump. Last year, Newry paid Bethel \$10,000. This year, Bethel is asking for \$4,000.

Voters will also be asked to approve \$11,000 more than last year for administrative salaries. Townspeople authorized \$48,000 last year. This year, selectmen are asking for \$59,000.

The town clerk and her assistant are working longer hours to process the town's tax bills and do other administrative chores, Wight said. The addition of owners at the Sum-

mit Hotel to the town's tax rolls is responsible for most of the increased work load, Wight said.

Since Jan. 1, the town office has been open three days a week instead of two.

Selectmen are also asking for funds to provide handicapped access to the Town Office and town-owned grange hall.

Voters will be asked to approve \$15,000 for repairs to the Bear River Grange Hall. Approximately \$8,000 of that would be used to add a handicapped access to the hall. Selectmen are also proposing putting vinyl siding on the building

and doing some foundation work, Wight said.

Selectmen are asking for \$10,250 for equipping and repairing the Town Office building. Approximately \$5,000 would be used to install handicapped bathroom and entrance, Wight said, and the rest is basically heat and lights.

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Letters

THERE'S STILL HELP FOR ABUSE

To the Editor:

The Citizen's story on the Bethel Health Center's Safer Families program presented a distressing picture for their future. Indeed, abused women and their children continue seeking help in record numbers throughout the state of Maine. In 1992 alone, police reported an over 16 percent increase in domestic violence calls, more than 4,000 across the state.

While any loss of services for battered women is cause for concern, I would like to note that the Abused Women's Advocacy Project, with offices in Lewiston, Auburn, Farmington and Rumford, will continue to serve victims from throughout the three-county area. For more than 16 years we have offered emergency and support services to victims of domestic violence through our 24-hour hot line (1-800-559-AWAP), emergency shelter, court and legal advocacy, housing and job referral, support groups for women and children, behavior education groups for men who batter and training and community education for the public.

In Oxford County we operate a fully staffed outreach office in Rumford and are available for court in South Paris two days a week and daily in Rumford. In addition to court and individual advocacy in both Rumford and South Paris, we offer support groups weekly in both towns. We are currently exploring office space options in South Paris/Norway to better serve women from those areas. Volunteers from throughout Oxford County provide hundreds of hours monthly staffing the office and assisting women in court. A new training for volunteers is scheduled for March 15-30. If anyone would like to participate please call our Rumford office at 369-0750. The training sites will be split between South Paris and Rumford.

The Abused Women's Advocacy Project is the second largest domestic violence project in the state. We work in coalition with eight other projects statewide providing a safety net for women and children. We are committed and prepared to serving any victims of domestic violence from Oxford County.

Christine J. Feeno
Executive Director
Abused Women's Advocacy Project

'ARSENIC' LEFT BAD TASTE

To the Editor:

On Feb. 17, my husband and I took our four children, all under the age of 13, to the performance of "Arsenic and Old Lace" at Gould Academy. Being based on an old film I had seen many years ago, I considered it an opportunity for some wholesome family entertainment.

The set of the play was quite impressive, representing many hours of labor.

The actors performed their roles well, convincing us of their characters.

What disturbed us was their unnecessary use of profane language. If Gould Academy is interested in attracting young families to their future performances, I suggest they leave the swearing out.

Denise Rainville
Portland

LYNCH THE SNOW BIRD

To the Editor:

It took 500 voters to sell out the Town of Bethel. Some of them swapped their vote for a free train ride to West Paris. If I were a younger man, I could write a book on "The Selling of Bethel."

If John and William Foulkner were alive, they could do a better job at it. Build a giant hotel on Cross Street and the B & B boys will have to seek a job in a shoe shop.

We don't need these developers telling us what is best for us and what isn't. I don't need a train scheme to get my vote. I have nothing against trains. Our family was riding trains in Bethel in 1923. People were riding trains 50 or 60 years ago in Bethel because a very few people had a car and those that did stored them during the winter months. You seldom saw a car on these streets during the winter.

I don't need Creagard Park's Taj-Mahal or an expensive elevator for a two-story building. They tell me that it is a state mandate. You don't have to do everything that the state mandates.

For the last 10 years the idiots passed a law mandating a used car tax. It cost us all the state \$5 for a sticker to go on your windshield. If you don't have that sticker you couldn't use your own motor vehicle.

A man challenged this in court and won his case. No more tax. Some things should be done today. Back then if a man had \$5 he was considered half wealthy.

I suggest that the man who wrote waiters and bartenders pulling them in to get a grand a year check and see if all they get is the minimum wage and that shows that they would have to work eight years to get that kind of money.

I just read an article in the "Maine Times" about Sunday River and Bethel and it was written by a Phyllis Austin. I find that some of it was pretty fact-free. Maybe she should have checked with someone that knew the town before she wrote it.

The most thing of interest. John Wittaker Watson was the stupid slob that wrote the "Show, Beautiful Show" piece back in 1869. Someone should have lynched him on the spot.

Frederick McMillin
Bethel

THANKS FOR SKI EVENTS HELP

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the dozens of Bethel residents, businesses, and town officials who were part of the success of two major Nordic ski events, the L.L. Bean Cross-Country Ski Festival and the New England Prep School Ski Championships. People who volunteered their time, donated prizes, offered their parking lots, or warmly welcomed skiers with lodgings made a positive impact on close to 1,000 people.

Also, I would like it made known that the assistance of the Bethel Inn in supporting the skiing events was especially critical. All who supported the events are in part responsible for Bethel's growing reputation for top-rate cross country skiing, ski jumping and other nordic events, whether at local touring centers, Gould Academy, or Telstar High School.

Kirk Siegel
Gould Academy

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SNOWBANK LOUNGER—Billy Murphy of Bethel seemed more interested in a hot cup of chocolate Thursday evening than speed skating around Sunday River Ski Resort's skating rink. Murphy was one of several local children last week who attended the Newry Recreation Committee's skating party.

(Photo by Wendy Hanscom)

Andover

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health insurance.

Article 12 asks the sum of money the town will raise for general municipal expenses. Both the selectmen and budget committee recommended \$30,000. The 1993 appropriation was \$40,000. Again this year, both the selectmen and budget committee recommend \$20,000 for professional services, the 1993 appropriation.

The amounts sought for various insurance accounts seek \$15,000 for buildings and vehicle insurance (same as 1993); \$20,500 for income protection, health insurance, worker's comp and unemployment (\$22,000 in 1993); \$6,000 for Social Security (\$7,000 in 1993); and \$1,450 for Medicare (\$1,700 in 1993).

Article 15 seeks \$63,500, compared to \$62,500 in 1993 for winter roads. The budget committee recommended \$25,000, and the selectmen, \$27,500 for summer roads. The 1993 appropriation was \$22,500. Block grant funds of \$45,000 and \$20,000 from taxation make up the \$65,000 request for road and bridge construction and paving. The 1993 appropriation was \$55,000.

Article 18 seeks another \$10,000 this year for the dump closing. This

account totals \$59,221. The amount appropriated for recycling in 1993 was \$6,000. This year the budget committee recommends \$4,200, and the selectmen, \$5,000.

The 1993 appropriation for the fire department was \$21,500. This year the selectmen recommend \$20,500, and the budget committee \$21,500. The 1994 recommendation for fire hydrants is \$16,775, compared to \$5,000 in 1993. Sought for animal control is \$600, as compared to \$300 last year.

No recommendation was made by either the selectmen or budget committee in Article 21, to see if the town will raise or appropriate \$10,000 for the purchase of 1,000 feet of five-inch diameter hose for the fire department. The fire department is also seeking \$2,800 for a starter set of rescue air bags.

Both the selectmen and budget committee recommend \$10,000 for street lights, compared to last year's appropriation of \$9,300.

This year the Andover library has requested \$18,500. The selectmen and budget committee have recommended \$15,500, with last year's appropriation, \$9,522.

More is being requested for cemetery maintenance this year, \$1,500 compared to the 1993 ap-

propriation of \$750. \$1,525 was recommended by the budget committee and \$2,000 by the selectmen for cemetery renovation. The 1993 appropriation was \$250.

Article 33 asks if the amount of \$2,303 given by the state for property tax relief can begin an account for the ongoing maintenance, reconstruction, or replacement of the town gazebo and water fountain. Article 34 asks if the town will transfer the snowmobile refund from the state to the Snow Valley Sno-Goers for trail maintenance.

The town will be asked to elect five members to the Andover recreation committee, and \$2,300 has been recommended by both the selectmen and budget committee for support of the Andover recreation program.

The 1993 amount for Town Hall maintenance was \$5,000. This year the budget committee recommends \$6,500, and the selectmen, \$7,000. The amount sought for the Town Garage is \$5,000, same as last year. The amount sought for the town common is \$2,500, an increase of \$1,000 over last year. The budget committee has recommended \$4,750, and the selectmen, \$5,000 for Town Office maintenance. Last year's amount was \$5,000.

LOOKING BACK

10 years ago: Dr. Dan Ningle was appointed as a full-time temporary physician at the Bethel Area Health Center. Connie Hindman was a 1984 Jefferson Award recipient for exceptional public service in her voluntary work for the blind. Erika Dresser received the Most Improved Trophy for her accomplishments in alpine skiing. Deaths: W. Scott Emmons, Carl Richardson.

20 years ago: A SAD44 bus with 15 students aboard crashed into a tree in the Richardson Hollow section of Greenwood and was declared a total loss. Only minor injuries were sustained by the students. Only 60 district citizens turned out for the 1974 SAD44 meeting at Telstar auditorium and approved a \$1,897,898.22 budget for the 1974-75 school year. First-class postage rates were set at 10 cents per ounce. Birth: Jody Brooks. Death: E. Wesley Whitman.

30 years ago: Janet Richardson and Betty Tibbets were co-chairs of the Rumford Community Hospital Auxiliary smorgasbord. "Basic Financial Data," released by the Maine Teachers Association, listed Bethel's tax rate as among the top 17 percent of all towns in the state. The Bethel PTA voted in favor of adding fluorides to the Bethel Water Company's water supply. Births: Peter Michaud, Daniel Richard, Allen Korhonen. Deaths: Eubert Brown, Herbert Morton Jr., Florio Poland, Marie Littlehale.

40 years ago: Bethel citizens voted to raise \$131,933 in a one hour town meeting. A two room addition to Crescent Park School was also approved. Roger Thibault, husband of Joyce Abbott (Bennett) was electrocuted while working at the Varney Mill in Brunswick. Birth: Danny Wheeler. Marriages: Mary Coolidge and Erlon Bean; Marlene Anderson and Donald Ethington. Death: Arthur Gibbs.

50 years ago: Bethel had obtained \$910.47, coming in just under its recommended quota of \$1,000 for the State War Chest. Seventh-grade pupils Rachel Brown, Catherine Stevens, Barbara Pretty, Phyllis Merrill, Lois Ann Van, Eleanor Gurney, Jerry Davis, Richard Davis, Lee Carver, Dick Ireland, Edwin Bumpus, Earle Cummings, Harry Cole, Laurence Winslow, John Grover and Donald Lord, with their teacher, Gwendolyn Stearns, and her brother Karl Stearns, enjoyed a snowshoe hike and supper at Devil's Kitchen. Marriage: Kathryn Davis and Charles Hamlin. Death: Ann Maria Robertson.

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Others said they didn't increase traffic the previous year.

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northern forest.

The council itself was formed in 1990, following the publication of the Northern Forest Lands Study. That study had been commissioned by the governors of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York -- in large part as a response to the sale of almost a million acres of forest land to Diamond International Corp. and the Coburn Land Trust.

The draft recommendations are contained in a report titled "Finding Common Ground."

According to the council, among the pressures on the 26 million-acre northern forest are rising taxes, loss of forest-related jobs to global competition, posting of private property

traditionally available for public recreation, and pressure to develop areas near shorelines and scenic places.

The proposed recommendations "will attempt to reinforce traditional ways of life and patterns of ownership and uses, as well as conserve the public values of the forest itself," according to the council.

The public comment period runs through May 16.

"We want to hear from everyone who cares about the future of the northern forest," said Robert L. Bendick, council chairman and deputy commissioner of the New York Department of Environmental Conservation. "We need to know what people think of these draft

recommendations. In particular, we want to know how to improve them, so they will be compelling and motivate people to act."

"It is not too late in the process to be heard and to influence the recommendations," stated council Executive Director Charles A. Levesque. "These recommendations are truly draft. They can certainly change as people tell us how to improve them."

Following the listening sessions, the council is scheduled to make its final recommendations to Congress and the four states this summer.

The kick-off session in Bethel will include an open house, from 1 to 5 p.m., and a listening session from 7 to 10 p.m.

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local news coverage

Water/ground temps

The Bethel Water District reports the following water and ground temperatures for Feb. 28.

Water	34 degrees
Ground	28 degrees
3 feet	31 degrees
5 feet	33 degrees
6 feet	34 degrees

AT THE
Mason
House

rs and friends of the Dr. Moses Mason Society are at the next monthly meeting. The Dr. Moses Mason Society will be held March 3, in the meeting room at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will feature the recollection of Bethel area citizens' old stories ranging from school days. Anyone interested in attending this meeting is invited to do so.

annual Heritage Day was Feb. 22 at the Dr. Moses Mason House. Demonstrations of crafts were Lorrie spinning; Grace weaving; Hans Paul-Louise Seames, basket-weaving; Anna Paulsen, spinning; brown, dried flower arrangements. One of the features of the Dr. Moses Mason Society book fair was the Dr. Moses Mason History. Also featured in the afternoon were historicals, a local art show, and a slide show of the Dr. Moses Mason Museum with hot dogs served from the hearth kitchen by Persis Post. The afternoon included Judy Haskell, Helen West Perkins and his wife portrayed Dr. and Mrs. Alice Jackson operated the booth and volunteer Betty helped her. Justin Gilbert and Rev. Kevin Devine ran the historical markers from as far as Massachusetts.

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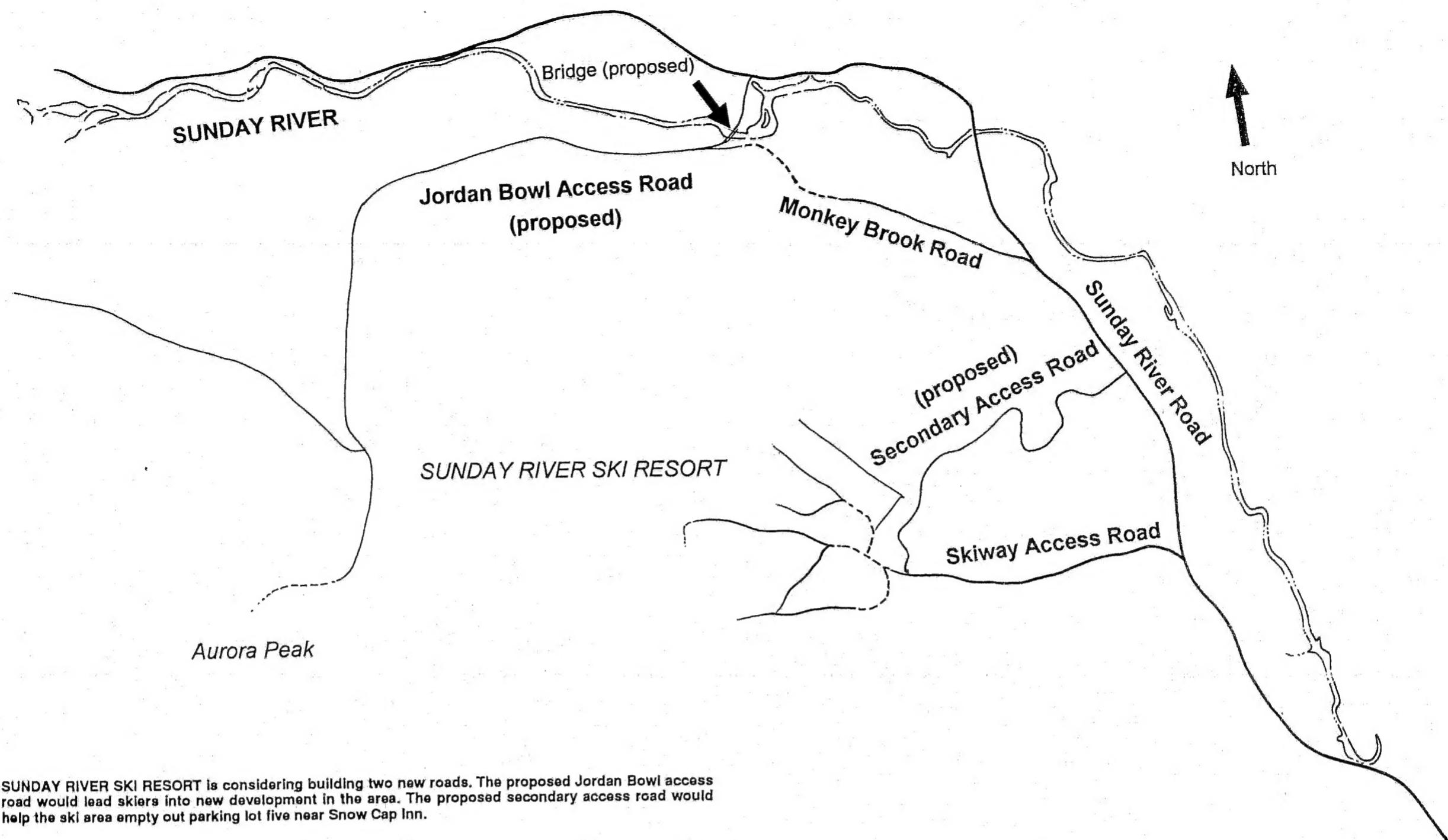
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Others said they didn't want the increased traffic the project might bring.

Otten said he hopes the new Jordan Bowl development will increase skier visits by 50 percent.

Anne Friedlander said the valley's

quiet residential nature will change dramatically along with the increased traffic.

"History shows that this area has been used mostly for hunting and fishing and a little bit of mountain biking and jogging," Friedlander said. "It is very unique and very fragile. People come from all over the world to this valley. It's so beautiful. The skiway ought to look at every other option."

Townspeople also worried that increased traffic would be dangerous, especially at the Sunday River/Skiway road intersection and Sunday River Road/Route 26 intersection.

Otten told the crowd that improvements at the two intersections are being considered by the Department of Transportation, which should help traffic flow smoothly.

"We're interested in allowing the people that work for our company to work for a company that continues to grow," Otten said. "We'd like to do that in a way that minimizes the impact in the valley. On one hand, I'm disappointed that the idea people driving up the valley another mile past the Monkey Brook doesn't excite anyone, but I can understand it at the same time. Whether we turn into Monkey

Brook or whether we turn in near the old school house, somebody isn't going to like it. We've heard from the people who don't like it. It's our intention to try to minimize the impact of what we do, unfortunately we're probably going to end up doing something. If you're against us doing anything at all, then that's probably the downside. The upside is we'll talk to the planning board about all we've heard tonight and address the concerns that we can."

Otten told the group that they might also want to know that the ski resort is also proposing another private road to intersect the Sunday River Road.

The road would travel from the resort's parking lot five, near Snow Cap Inn, run northeast about a mile and intersect the Sunday River road between the Skiway and Monkey Brook roads. That road would run across resort property, but through cross-country trails maintained by Sunday River Inn. The road would help the resort better manage traffic.

fic, Otten said. The plan for that road has been submitted to the planning board, but not acted on yet.

Planning Board members did not comment on the proposed Jordan Bowl alternative approach road. Board chairman Don Sandstrom thanked those at the meeting for their comments and said the board would take them into account when it considered the application.

Following the meeting, Otten said the skiway will go back to the drawing board and rework the proposal in an attempt to address the concerns raised at the meeting.

NEWS TIPS

To reach a reporter with a news tip or story request, or to comment on news coverage call Michael Daniels or Wendy Hanscom at 824-2444.

From the Bethel Police log:

Restaurant patrons skip out on tab

Saturday, police responded to a report of a party of seven Bethel restaurant patrons ordering appetizers and drinks, then leaving before the entree without paying the \$76.77 bill. A waitress told police she thought one of the women was from Dixfield. Police in Dixfield were asked to follow up on the complaint.

Sunday, police responded to a report of a wire down on the Gilead/Bethel townline. Route 2 was closed to traffic until Central Maine Power moved the downed line.

Wednesday, a Bethel woman told police a 12-year-old boy had tried to cash some of her old checks from a closed account.

KINDERGARTEN SEARCH

Elementary schools in SAD44 are undertaking their annual search for prospective Kindergarten students. Any child who will be five years of age on or before Oct. 15, 1994, is eligible to enter Kindergarten for the 1994-95 school year.

Anyone with a prospective Kin-

dergarten student in their household, is asked to contact their local elementary school.

--Woodstock Elementary, Bryant Pond, 665-2228.

--Crescent Park, Bethel, 824-2839.

--Andover Elementary, Andover, 392-4381.

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Testimony at the Concord hearing described a joint business venture quickly deteriorating, in the face of mounting losses, into deception, infighting, cliques and eventually a threat of shooting.

The eight original partners in the Mayville were all ski patrollers at Sunday River. Alexander "Sandy" MacGregor, a Maine Guide who worked winters at the skiway, said he first met Flynn on the patrol, where Flynn began as a volunteer patroller later became full time.

MacGregor described Flynn as initially, "outgoing, very personable and extremely desirous to learn."

MacGregor and Flynn became friends. "Trust is formed in doing this job," MacGregor said, and Flynn took a liking to him and assisted him in plans to expand his own guide service business.

At the beginning of 1991, MacGregor said, Flynn raised the idea of starting a restaurant. He presented the venture to MacGregor "as an excellent opportunity to move away from Sunday River."

MacGregor testified that Flynn also began to examine others in the group of ski patrollers, "looking for people who would be an asset to this project he was developing."

But, according to the federal charges, Flynn had other criteria in mind when selecting potential partners: "The probationer had picked his partners well -- all individuals who had other jobs and occupation and, therefore, were not interested in the day to day operation of the restaurant. The probationer was, therefore, the logical choice to be general manager. He kept the books and would not let anyone else see them."

Flynn revealed his past fraud and conspiracy convictions to MacGregor, but not at first to any other of the partners.

The rest learned of his past only during a heated shareholders' meeting in 1992, when Scott Thurston, who had been acting as president, stalked angrily out of the meeting following a contract dispute. As Thurston left, he dropped a tube of newspaper clippings in the bag of Philip See, another partner.

The clippings revealed Flynn's past legal problems.

According to MacGregor's testimony, Flynn then told the remaining partners about his past, and later in the meeting he proposed that MacGregor replace Thurston as president, at a salary of \$75 a week.

At one point Flynn put his \$10,000 worth of shares up as collateral for a \$500 loan he said he needed for his son's tuition at Gould Academy. His check repaying the loan bounced.

The partners agreed to the suggestion.

As president, MacGregor was responsible for signing checks for the business, but he also still worked fulltime at Sunday River and he had a young family.

He acknowledged in court that he had little time for the restaurant. "Sunday River demands 110 percent from all their employees," he said. "For me to have some family life at all I had to cut back somewhere."

Given blank checks

Since he could not be on premises constantly, MacGregor would sign batches of blank checks to be used for covering business expenses.

According to the government's allegations, Flynn soon began to use these checks to make payments to himself. And when checks with MacGregor's signature were not available, Flynn began to forge MacGregor's name.

One of the checks the government alleges Flynn forged was for a \$1,500 personal loan from the corporation; another the repayment of a \$18,500 investment he had made in the company.

MacGregor said neither transaction had been approved by the shareholders -- some of whom were at this point putting in additional money of their own to keep the business afloat.

When he and Philip See confronted Flynn about the \$1,500 loan, MacGregor said, Flynn claimed, "if he ever wanted to take money out of the corporation, he would be able to do it and no one would ever know about it."

MacGregor also testified that about this time his relationship with Flynn's girlfriend, according to testimony by shareholder Mary Schultz.

Schultz testified that Parsons had only a "limited" knowledge of the company's computerized book-keeping program.

In fact, Schultz said, whenever Parsons turned on the program it flashed an error code, "but she said she was told she could ignore it."

Parsons, who was called as a witness for the defense, testified that

she, not Flynn, signed some of the forged checks.

Parsons also testified that she forged a \$10,000 rubber check from the Mayville that Flynn used to cover an overdraft at the Bethel Savings Bank, according to U.S. attorney Arnold Hufstalin, who prosecuted the case.

Judge Devine ruled that Parsons' testimony was "less than credible," and at one point he adjourned the hearing after cautioning her that she should retain an attorney, because her testimony (about forging the \$10,000 rubber check) was implicating her in criminal conduct.

The gang of four

Mary Schultz, who came into the deal after the original partners, said she met Flynn on a chairlift in Sunday River's Aurora Peak, and in the course of the ride, "he told me virtually his whole life story." Schultz also testified that Flynn said: "Life is too short to live by other people's standards."

Schultz said she was initially impressed with Flynn's work, and the fact that the partners "were able to go from chairlift talk -- as I considered it -- to an up-and-coming restaurant in the fall."

Schultz eventually invested \$35,000 in the restaurant and Flynn was deteriorating and he (MacGregor) was "beginning to catch Mr. Flynn in some lies."

MacGregor said that when he confronted Flynn about lies to subcontractors regarding their payment, Flynn said: "I do what I have to do to get the job done."

The Mayville's bookkeeper was Debbie Parsons, who was also started to work there as a hostess. She also became romantically involved with John Edmonds, another partner who worked at the Mayville as a chef.

She was initially a supporter of Flynn in the increasingly heated corporate battles. (MacGregor testified that he referred to Flynn, Schultz, See and Edmonds as "The Gang of Four.")

But she, like MacGregor, eventually became disenchanted with Flynn's management.

Later, when he offered his

\$10,000 share as collateral for a \$500 loan he said he needed for his son's tuition at Gould Academy, she loaned him the money.

When Flynn's repayment check bounced, and the deadline for repaying the loan passed, she kept the stock -- despite his offer of a certified check and his plea that "It was the last \$10,000 he had in the world and how could I do that?"

Defense

Flynn's court-appointed attorney, Robert Kirby, attempted to portray Flynn as a beleaguered entrepreneur who shouldered the day to day work of the restaurant but was besieged by normal business difficulties and absentee shareholders with unrealistic expectations.

In cross examining MacGregor, Kirby characterized the partners as "naive about the realities of the restaurant business."

He also asked why MacGregor -- who had testified that Flynn threatened at one point to shoot him -- had not reported the alleged threat to authorities.

Judge rules

In his decision last week, Judge Devine ruled that Flynn's financial manipulations at the Mayville were a violation of the terms of his probation -- and constituted fraud and theft by deception as defined by the Maine Criminal Code.

Devine also ruled that Flynn committed credit card fraud by his use of his father's credit card to obtain \$31,000 in cash advances from the Rostay Motor Inn.

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Andover

Former water director denies EPA charges

By BARBARA ADAMS

The former director of the Andover Water System has denied claims by the federal EPA that the local water system failed to conduct mandated water quality tests.

"We were never late," Howard Spidell claimed last week.

Spidell served as director during the years listed with the alleged violations. He is currently a consultant to the water district.

The EPA claims the water system was not sampled the months of March, September, November 1991, and October 1992. The EPA alleges that repeat samples taken after coliform evidence were not taken during May and June 1991, and February 1993. The order said that the town could be fined \$25,000 a day for the alleged violations, and for not having installed a state-mandated water system by June 1993 deadline.

Harold Frazier, current water system director, said the new system had been delayed for months because of a petition circulated by Andover resident Joe Madigan, and signed by 40 water district customers.

The petition, sent to the Public Utilities Commission, protests new rates required to finance a new system. The proposed rates will be discussed Thursday night, March 3, by PUC representatives, at a public hearing at the Andover Town Hall at 7 p.m. The hearing was postponed from last week due to inclement weather.

"I think I know what happened with the water tests," Spidell said. "The way it works, the state sends us a sample bottle, and we fill it and send it back. It is supposed to be sent back to the state on a Monday or Tuesday. If it is sent back Wednesday or Thursday, the test can be stagnant. We've never failed to take

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After reading about the EPA in the "Lewiston Sun-Journal," Andover resident Ron Wells called Congresswoman Olympia Snowe's office to protest.

Wells said he was "very angry" that the EPA had sent the order.

"The poor girl in Snowe's office I first talked to got an earful," he said. "We only have 147 customers in this district and we are supposed to do all this. I was referred to Snowe's aide, John Ricket, and he said that he would talk to the EPA and get back to water system director Harold Frazier."

Spidell said he doubted that Rick could help.

"I think it is bigger than that," he said. "Senator George Mitchell sponsored the bill (Federal Clean Water Act), and at one of the meetings we went to he was complaining about non-compliance with installing a new water system. He said 'you guys are going to do it.' I think it is really serious. They are waiting for someone not to do it, and they will really grab them."

Spidell said that representatives from the state Drinking Water Program will also be at Thursday's hearing.

"One is a state coordinator who works with the EPA in Boston," Spidell said, "and I hope he speaks. He can tell us what to expect. We have got a break as far as answering by the deadlines (listed in the EPA order). The directors talked to the EPA in Boston after we got the order, and they agreed not to do anything until after Thursday's hearing."

"It is a help for us as we need the flexibility. When you have deadlines you lose flexibility."

"That order is serious," he added. "There is no doubt about it."

Wednesday, March 2, 1994

Agnes Gray

By MARTA CLEM

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By MARTA CLEMENTS

The last two weeks before February vacation were full of all kinds of exciting activities. Mr. Brad Kaherl, from Central Maine Power Company, presented a program, "Electric City," to grades four, five, and six. Safety was the issue being addressed, and we all were very impressed.

Mrs. Biggers and her kindergarten class presented their "Mitten" play at Ledgeview Nursing Home during our Partnership kick-off week. They will be presenting the same play to parents, relatives and friends during the evening of March 4. The play will be held in the gym from 6 to 7 p.m. Coffee and punch will be provided after the play, and dessert donations would be an appreciated donation.

The first-graders are learning about woodworking. They are sanding and arranging their pieces to form a sculpture. They are preparing for their first piece of informational writing, "How We Made a Wood Sculpture." They are also learning about Abe Lincoln and George Washington using books and poetry to add to their knowledge about these famous United States presidents.

The second-graders read about Martin Luther King, Jr., and followed up with discussions about discrimination, civil rights, slavery and courage. For Valentine's Day they had the usual party, but also included a sliding activity on Hill with their sixth-grade buddies.

The third-graders have been reading and writing about "Mysteries of the Deep." They have been reading about the Titanic and other stories that have to do with happenings below the surface of the ocean. In math they have been working hard on addition and subtraction of big numbers.

In addition to the presentation of "Electric City," fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-graders celebrated with pizza parties, exchanged Valentines, and worked hard to get work caught up before vacation.

Grades two through six ended the week with our annual Klondike Derby. Teams from each grade competed against their own class to win gold nuggets. (This year's nuggets were painted blue!) Maps were followed, questions answered, and all ended up in the cafeteria for punch, cocoa, cookies, and the presentation of Klondike buttons for all winning teams. This year's button was designed by sixth-grader, Becky Chase. Thanks were given to all the volunteers who helped to make the day its usual success. The volunteers received a souvenir Klondike button, as did the sixth-grade majors, who were the officials at each Klondike town. This year's majors were: Heather Theofrastou, Hayley Graiver, Misty Coffin, Becky Chase, Charity Weiss, Emily Boutilier, Jeff Holloway, Terry Weston, Jessica Skinner and Justine Pennington.

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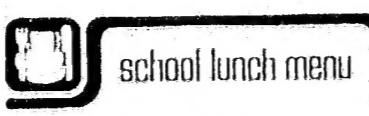
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Wednesday: Enriched honey bun, crackers/granola, chilled milk.

Thursday: Cereal, fruit juice, crackers/granola, chilled milk.

Friday: Enriched super donut (chocolate), crackers/granola, chilled milk.

SAD44 Lunch Program

Monday: Cheeseburger on a fresh bun, golden corn, chilled fruit.

Tuesday: BBQ meatballs, fluffy rice, mixed veggies, chilled fruit.

Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, green beans, chilled fruit.

Thursday: Sausage links, potato, garden peas, chilled fruit.

Friday: Chicken grill on a fresh roll, broccoli cuts, fresh fruit.

Oxford Hills Lunch Program

Monday: Crisp chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, hot buttered pasta, garden peas, fruit dessert.

Tuesday: Roast turkey and gravy, fluffy mashed potato, green beans, cranberry sauce, dessert.

Wednesday: All-American cheeseburger on a bun, potato puffs, simmered carrots, fruit dessert.

Thursday: *Breakfast for Lunch* Orange juice, fresh bagel, peanut butter, fruit.

Friday: Johnny Appleseed Day. Grilled cheese sandwich, lettuce and tomato, pickle chips, potato chips, apples.

CPS 3rd-grader 3rd
in class at Koch Fest

John Reuter, of Bethel, a third-grader at Crescent Park School, placed third in the Class V, 2-kilometer cross country ski race held this past Sunday at Troll Valley Cross Country Ski Center in Farmington.

The race was part of the two-day Bill Koch New England Festival, hosted this year by the Maine Koch Youth Ski League. 270 participants, ages 4 to 13, arrived from five states -- Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and New York. The festival caps the season for these youngsters, many of whom had completed a season of seven races.

**Moves you still can
make to cut your
1993 Tax Bill**

This article is brought to you by
Jane Gray, CPA

If you're like most American's, this is the time of year when tax papers fill your desk and worries fill your mind. With 1993 over, there's nothing you can do. Or is there? Once the year has ended, the tax accounts are mostly closed, allowing little room to maneuver. Yet there are still ways to cut your 1993 tax bill. Consider these possibilities:

* Look for statutory exceptions. The law permits some adjustments after a year ends, such as for an IRA contribution. Eligible taxpayers can invest until April 15. Self-employed taxpayers may benefit by contributing to a Keogh plan, if the plan existed at the end of the prior year. No plan? Some may still benefit by establishing a SEP (Simplified Employee Pension), permitted even after the year ends.

* Don't overlook deductions. Many taxpayers miss deductions because of the law's complexity. One common oversight involves the home office, still a lawful deduction for many. Points paid for mortgage refinancing often get mishandled, too. Some taxpayers miss the tax-exempt status of savings bonds used to pay for education. Others overlook tax credits that they are entitled to take.

* Check different filing options and elections. If you're single with dependents, check your eligibility for filing as head of household. If you're married and both you and your spouse work, compare the tax consequences of filing jointly or separately. Under certain circumstances, filing separately will save you money. Review with your accountant any elections that might cut your tax bill or defer payment of taxes. One election available this year applies to taxpayers hit by the new, retroactive 36% and 39.6% tax rates. The extra tax resulting from higher tax rates can be paid in three installments, free of penalty and interest charges. It's an election every qualifying taxpayer should consider.

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ANIMAL PAINTING WILL HANG IN NEW CPS LIBRARY-Dahlov Ipcar

one for the Crescent Park School's new library.

CPS awards 1 percent for art

BY WENDY HANSOM

The CPS awards include Arla Patch of Bryant Pond, who has been commissioned to create a six-by-six-foot water color work for the second floor of the new classroom wing, according to CPS Principal David Murphy.

The Maine Legislature mandates that 1 percent for art must be set aside in all new school construction, and then approved by the schools' governing boards. If not approved, the funds must be returned to the state.

The SAD44 school board approved the CPS art expenditure in May.

The CPS art committee reviewed 75 submissions from artists throughout the state before awarding the commissions. Artists submitted examples or photographs of past works or mockups of what they planned to do at CPS.

Other award winners are Dahlov Ipcar of Bath, who will paint a three-by-12-foot canvas mural of animals for the school's new library. Ipcar will be paid approximately \$10,000.

George Mason of Newcastle will do 26 terra cotta raised relief inter-

ior or brick works of the alphabet. Each piece will be no smaller than eight-by-eight inches, Murphy said.

Each relief tile will feature a letter of the alphabet, with an easily recognizable object representing that letter, and the object name used in a sentence, Murphy said.

For example, the letter A might be represented by an apple, along with a sentence using the word apple.

The letters will hang throughout the entire school where young students can reach them to trace their design, Murphy said. Mason will receive approximately \$7,500 for the tiles.

Gayle Fraas and Duncan Slade of Old Orchard will create art work for the hallway leading from the main entrance of the school to the cafeteria/gymnasium.

Murphy said the committee looked at several examples or photos of the pair's work including fabric quilts and sculptures. Fraas and Slade will examine the space they are to work with and present a specific proposal later. The pair will receive approximately \$14,500, according to Murphy.

The committee has asked all the artists to have their work completed before the school opens in the fall.

With work currently on or ahead of schedule, the project is expected to be complete in time for the first day of school this fall.

CPS 1% for Art Committee members were: Murphy, Deb Dohrmann, Sarah Shepley, Jim Reuter, Marcel Polak and Lynn Hallett of the Maine Arts Commission.

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By KAREN McKAY

The Water District meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 3, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Representatives from the PUC will be present to answer questions regarding the proposed system.

The Snow Valley Sno Goers will hold their next meeting on Friday, March 4, 8 p.m. at the Fire Station. They still have 50/50 raffle tickets available. The winners of their Poker Run were: Ronald Grondin of Scarborough, first prize; Dick Merrill of Andover, second prize; Foster Tabb of Andover, third prize.

Get well wishes to William B. Smith, who was recently a patient undergoing tests at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Sympathy is extended to the Blanche Schneider families for her death last week.

The annual Town Meeting will be held Saturday, March 5, beginning at 9 a.m.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

Luvie Sweetser will turn 95 years young this month. There will be a small celebration for her Sunday, March 6, 11 to 12 a.m., at Ledgeview Nursing Home, West Paris. All those who remember this sweet lady of Bryant Pond, please come by and help her celebrate her birthday. Mrs. Sweetser just recently received the cane for the oldest citizen of the community of Woodstock. She has that magnetic smile and spirit that so many remember and she welcomes visitors anytime.

Franklin Grange 124 met on Monday, Feb. 21, with 26 present for instruction. It was voted to put on the July and September Senior Citizen dinners. It was voted to send donations to Iowa farmers and California earthquake victims. Program: opening thought, Althea Fish; opening song by all; Valentine poem, Lettie Brooks; Farmers poem, Althea Fish; Harry Boyer sang a couple songs; song by all; closing song; closing thought, Althea Fish. Next meeting will be March 21. There will be a gingerbread contest and everyone must use the same recipe.

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, March 3, at the American Legion Hall at Locke Mills. The Ladies Auxiliary will put on the dinner and the speaker will be Kevin Morrissey, "The Handy Man" from Farmington. The meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. and dinner served at noon.

Curator Larry Billings gave some handouts and an art poster to start off the Historical Society's 15th year. The Historical Society helps us in many ways. Curator Billings has been rereading some classics.

The Woodstock Historical Society met recently with around 22 or so present. Dr. Harry Harper gave a very interesting talk about the changes at Stephens Memorial Hospital and also changes in medicine. Joan Burnham also spoke briefly. Curator Billings has written some poetry, and given it to the members, entitled "Cultural Heritage." Treasurer Paul Billings reported on the clean-up of the museum building. He thanked the members who helped watch the museum.

Sympathy is extended to Kathleen McAllister on the death of her sister Evelyn Cushing, Pembroke. Mrs. Cushing was 90 years old.

The Woodstock Extension met on Wednesday, Feb. 16, with 11 mem-

bers present, at the home of Barbara Hathaway. A potluck dinner was served and a video of the Silver Bullet was shown. Next meeting -- if you have a new design for a sweatshirt, bring them and favors will be made.

Phyllis and Reynold Jordan were recent callers on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hathaway.

The Woodstock alumni will meet on Tuesday, March 8, to start plans for the June Banquet. There will be a tasting party and the meeting will be at the home of Alice Hoyt on Main Street.

Althea Stevens, Jenny, Keith and Danny called on their grandmother Beatrice Farnum Sunday.

Crystal, Jenny, Keith and Danny called on Monday at their grandmother Beatrice Farnum's.

Recent callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hathaway have been Phyllis and Reynold Jordan, Harriet and Laurence Estes, Debbie Millett, Ellsworth Hathaway and daughter Jane.

Eva Linnell called on her sisters, Marion Langway and Ruth Tyler.

Maggie and Joseph Hoyt were weekend visitors of their dad, James Hoyt. Other visitors at the Ken Hoyts' on Sunday were: JoAnn, David, Ray and Shawn Crockett, Beatrice Farnum and Laurette Sanc-

born.

Monday, Ray and Shawn Crockett visited their grandparents, Ken and Alice Hoyt. Ken and the boys went ice fishing and had good luck.

Bob and Gwen Hoyt visited a few minutes at the Hoyts on Wednesday.

Greenwood City

By COLISTA MORGAN

The depth of our cold passed for a few days. The temperature of today, February 21, touched 50 degrees and the snow diminished, even my house roof became bare. I went walking to enjoy it and to get the feel of spring. I wasn't disappointed that I saw no golden flowers or bright yellow butterflies to grace the day. But I did have two red squirrels greet me by my path to the steps. One asked me the best way that it could for a few seeds. I gave him, or her, a handful. He/she bowed and began to eat. I went on my way.

I was first greeted by my pine twinkling in the dazzling of the sun. A crow on a bough silhouetted against the blue, blue sky.

My heart was full. There were so many things to think about. The woodland seemed to take me by hand and urge me to come. I thought of the many times that I had gone there among the poplars, pines and maples, to sit and be and feel and absorb.

Sounds: needles of pines, spiraling, crash of cone, crackle of the wind through hand-clapping trees, maples and poplars. Always these trees have been my friends.

The sun sparkled the snow and not far beyond were the icicles. I stopped just to see them drip!

All down the slope was dazzling artistry. All was etched and embroidered in glints and glistens and snow-like crochetings of pale-toned shadows.

The pond was pebbled on the top-most layer.

Along the roadside in many depressions there were snuff-brown particles, the windblown seeds of birches.

As I looked over the fields, pond and the surroundings, I thought of how they not only have their own American sun, but their own separate American rhythm of time. For instance, America and Europe have a different sense of time. One lives

by the sense of the present and the past and the other by the present and the future.

Now night has come. The gentle twilight has wrapped a soft shawl about the shoulders of a delightful sky and has pinned it with stars.

May we have many more of them.

John and Dot Betts entertained Bob and Nancy Young of Kittery over the weekend. They were in Dixfield on Saturday evening for supper and other entertainment.

Robert Holt and daughter Jenny of Windsor, David, Sally and Mary Holt of Norway; Ann Holt and I were at the farm on Sunday for dinner and visiting.

There has been much interest in snowmobiling this past week. Today, Monday, there is some water on the pond ice so I have seen no 'mobiles.'

Mr. and Mrs. Forget were here at their cottage over the weekend.

The Tired-Teacher Group met on Thursday for dinner and an afternoon with Doris Slattery in West Paris. Dot Betts attended, but I became ill that morning so couldn't go. I'm well again.

Milton and Eleanor Inman were at their camp in Albany on Sunday; many members of their family joined them. They reported a beautiful day: warm sun, outdoor lunch and much fun.

I heard a good story last week. The School House is haunted! The two young people who have been living there had decided to move out. The lights go out and the furnace goes off. I can't believe a ghost stays there in such a peaceful little place. I walked and worked there for over 40 years and the only ghosts I saw were at Halloween.

John and Mrs. Milton Inman had a visit recently from Junior Proctor for a few days and they all attended the birthday party for Abby Inman in West Paris.

A member of the Greenwood Historical Society asked me some time ago if I'd write for her an article on the Ice Caves. I agreed to do so and I did. But I lost her name and her address, so the article is still here.

At the farm on Valentine's Sunday the family exchanged Valentine's and Fay served a beautiful Valentine cake at the end of a delicious dinner.

I was saddened to receive a letter from a friend telling me of the death of Kathryn Hanscom Bailey, who taught at Gould when I was there. She was a graduate of Gould in the class of 1918.

Elderwood Manor

By FLORENCE HALL

Visitors at Florence Hall's recently were Alfred Marston, South Portland and son Christopher; Mr. and Mrs. William Helm, Belfast and Stacy Thompson and son Joel, Rumford.

Flowers from the Schneider funeral were brought to friends at Elderwood, which were appreciated.

Norman and Julie White attended the Schneider funeral at Andover Church on Monday.

Louise Powell, Hale and friend visited Alma Hewey.

Anne Fox was at her apartment with Lisa Fox recently. Gertrude Hutchins and Florence Hall visited with her.

Thought of the day: Do you ever have the feeling that the aim of modern medicine is not to keep you from dying but to keep you alive long enough to pay for modern medicine?

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Gilead

By LOUISE LORING

News wasn't in the paper last week. I have no idea why, because I sent it in. Sorry, let's hope for better sledding next week.

Speaking of sledding, here we are into the month of March. All those gusting winds make for superb crust for sledding. Kids love it! (At least I don't think kids have changed that much.) To find a good, steep hill, out of the way of impending traffic is the thing to do in March. Armed with a piece of cardboard, a flying saucer or the conventional sled, or just by the seat of one's pants is all one needs!! To come tumbling down at the rate of 60 miles per hour, or at the rate of a falling star, from high above the universe, remains one of the big enjoyments of childhood. No amount of scolding about worn-out trousers helps a bit, as I found out when I was raising my family of four. Then finally, thank goodness, they received a flying saucer which, due to our economic situation, they all had to share. They would trudge up the hill and all pile on and they even made room for Beau, our old toy cocker spaniel dog who held the honored place in front. Then they would come speeding down the hill, old Beau's ears flying out behind him, jumping off before they hit the fence at the bottom of the run. This whole performance was repeated most of the day.

And I'm willing to bet kids still do it. And, if they aren't, something's gone wrong in our society. Could it be that we aren't giving kids enough space so that they can be just kids? Seems to me that fun, too, has its own special place in a child's agenda (the good, clean fun-loving stuff). Isn't it as important as producing them into becoming little Einsteins? Childhood only comes once; too soon they will be burdened with the stresses, worries and cares of adulthood. Let them romp and enjoy their childhood. After all, that's what good memories are made of.

On Feb. 17, Rose Taylor traveled to Gardiner to visit with her four daughters, who live in close proximity to one another there. They are Bertha Defour, Marion Grant, Sharon Nestor and Harriet Rines. Rose had a great time and returned late the following Sunday afternoon.

The Corriveau family has received word that Jean Paul, an elder brother, passed away in Manchester, N.H., on Feb. 21. At his request there were no funeral services, but his ashes are to be sprinkled at Arlington Cemetery in Virginia. Our sympathy is extended to the entire family.

Josie Greenwood has arrived back home after an extended stay with a brother in San Diego, Calif. She delighted in shopping there and brought back many gifts for her friends and relatives. Stopping off in Boston, she and a son, who lives there, spent the day at Haymarket Square. Josie loves to shop and especially for fruits and veggies. She had a glorious time.

John Sweetser celebrated his 11th birthday on Feb. 19 at his home here, with six friends in attendance. The living room was decorated with crepe paper streamers and balloons. After a social hour and presents

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opened, refreshments were served. The cake was made and decorated by Brenda Blaisdell of West Bethel. A good time was had by all.

Homer Patenaude, Jr., and family enjoyed some time spent here last week at their family residence.

Joanne Ferris cared for three of her grandchildren one day last week at her home here.

On Feb. 18, my daughter Debby and granddaughter Jessica surprised my husband and me with an unexpected evening call, bringing us subs for a nice change of supper pace. Thank you are in order for thinking of us, caring and sharing. It's what makes life worthwhile.

Eddie Rice, Jr., and sister Tammy have moved from the Gilead Trailer Park to Albany.

Congratulations to Johnny Sweetser and Jessica Pike, Gilead students who made the honor roll this term.

Beverly Corriveau is employed one or two days a week at The Only Place, and enjoys her work there.

Alicia was around taking orders for her Girl Scout cookies recently. Call me at 836-3673 with your news -- if you've joined an exercise class, or are dabbling in the arts, or have ridden a pony for the first time, call me. We will send it in. 'Till next week, then, remember: "Sometimes the poorest man leaves his children the richest inheritance."

God Bless and keep the faith!

No. Woodstock

By SHANE BILLINGS

This has been a busy week for the residents of North Woodstock. The warm weather these past few days has been extremely welcome, and it really does feel like spring.

On Feb. 13, Louise Chapman celebrated her birthday with cake and ice cream. The family gathering was held at the home of Lee and Emma Billings, and guests included Mac and Tammy Billings with Jason and Bridget, and Sue Silver with Joelle and Errol.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, the Silvers had dinner with Tony's brother Billy and his family.

Dawn Davis is home from college this week with a friend.

On Thursday, Feb. 17, I attended the middle school musical at Telstar. It was entitled "Coming Of Age" and it was very good. I love watching school productions, and this was one of the better ones I've seen; the whole cast did a terrific job. Norma and Rob Davis also attended the play, as their granddaughter Michelle was a member of the cast.

On Sunday, Feb. 20, Louise Chapman was visited by her friend Linda Woods who teaches school in Waterville. Later that day, Louise enjoyed a brunch with her friend Sharon Silver.

Sarah Chapman called the family recently and mentioned that she reads my column. Since she is in California she counts on it to keep up with the news from her family's home town. We all miss Sarah and it was great to talk with her.

On Tuesday, Kara Andrews spent the day with Bridget Billings and they paid a visit to Jimmy and Lizzy Knights.

Also on Tuesday, Linda Tyler

came down to North Woodstock. She had lunch with her father, Lee Billings, and called on Mac, Tammy, and myself as well.

Emma Billings mentioned that she enjoys Andrea Wing's column, especially since it keeps her in touch with her friends from the South Woodstock area.

Jason Billings and Kevin Rosenberg will be spending the latter part of this week at Fort Kent, as part of Telstar's alpine

to North Woodstock. With her father, Lee called on Mac, myself as well. It's mentioned that she in Wing's column, especially keeps her in touch with friends from the South.

and Kevin Rosen attended the latter part of Fort Kent, as part of the ski team.

news from North is week. I hope you this warm weather, spring will be upon us.

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NANCY MERCER

Carl Olson have been lessons at Mt. Abram. They have their last 26.

John Tess and children Jonathan of Exeter, are on vacation at their

Millie Jackson took a on Feb. 23.

she was home from ston, R.I., on Feb. 18.

and Kevin Aube of were guests at Mr. and son's on Feb. 19 and

Mrs. Dawson Smith of Arlene Harrington

Irs. Scott Haines of H., and Chuck Haines Allen and Kasandra of had supper with Mary Lee Haines on Friday and are doing very well now. Chuck is taking a time.

I think all of us were the beautiful weekend

of Winterport and of Cape Elizabeth Noyes and Nina Mol- 19 and 20.

woodstock

NDREA WING

was honored at a well-gathering by the Tibbs some of the Davis side also attended. As I recently, Neil has been in the last four years and side. The families are him back. Neil will be El Paso, Texas for the days. The welcome-home party was held at own building with about ending. Neil is Esther

land received a beautiful from her son and law, Leon and Rosalie Valentine's Day. received a call from Evelyn and Jim had arrived at our sister's, Dotte home in Tempe, Ariz. She while with Dotte's family, traveling on to California

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South Woodstock

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to visit with their daughter Patrice for the winter. Evelyn said they had beautiful weather the whole week. They had a long drive from New Hampshire.

Sarah Hart attended the opera "Madame Butterfly" in Portland recently. She said it was a real treat. She stayed with me after arriving home late at night on the school bus.

When I was in Woolworth's store the other day, I ran into Ora Ryerson and had a nice chat. I don't get to visit with her very often. We worked in Penley's Mill many, many years ago. I also ran into George Holden while there and got caught up on some other news. Thelma Holden was attending a meeting and George decided to do some shopping while he was waiting for her to get out.

Larry Billings, curator, Woodstock Historical Society says that the society examines the impact of customs and tradition and that it is a benefit to the area. Larry also says, "The Woodstock Historical Society wishes to thank Andrea Wing very much for the collection of exceptionally fine poems written by her mother, Helen Poland. Such documents are a valuable part of Woodstock history."

Quote of the week: I've learned that the people who say, "Money isn't everything" usually have plenty of it.

West Paris

By MIRIAM INMAN

Andrew and Cheryl Sholl, Kirby and Caroline of Cranbury, N.J., returned home on Monday after spending the weekend with her mother, Sally Doughty.

Allen Lamb of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Wendy Lamb of Portland spent the weekend with their mother, Joyce Lamb.

West Paris Historical Society met on Monday evening for an oyster stew supper prepared by Milton and Vernon Inman. A good attendance of 31 seemed to enjoy. A short business meeting was held before listening to a very informative speech by Ben Conant, a well-known historian. The next meeting will be on March 21 for a potluck supper in charge of Ida and Howard Gurney and entertainment in charge of Milton Inman.

The E.B. Forbes-Goodwill Group will meet on Tuesday, March 8, at the home of Louvie Coffin at 10:30 a.m. for a potluck dinner at noon. Lettie Brooks will assist Louvie as hostess.

The Forward Fellowship will be holding a food sale at Mt. Abram on Tuesday, March 8. Food donations may be left Monday evening or before 9 a.m. on Tuesday at Joyce Lamb's.

East Stoneham

By ELEANOR NELSON

Sharon Traish, Aisha, Jaffer and Nawal from Belmont, Mass., were guests of her parents, Albert and Eleanor Nelson this past weekend. Aisha and Jaffer spent school vacation week with their cousins, Molly and Matthew Nelson.

The Stoneham Volunteer Firemen met at the Fire Station on Tuesday evening. There were 10 members present. They were called out to a chimney fire one night last week at Paakkonen on Butters Hill Road.

Kitty Nelson got first place in a weekend bowling tournament at Aca Valley Lanes in Fryeburg last week.

Five Fox brothers (Albert, Peter, Larry, Fred and Steve), Everett Andrews and Ronnie McAllister went on an annual snowmobile ride to Baldface and reported good riding but a bit slippery on the top of the mountain.

New Suncook School PTA Reflections winners were chosen last week and will advance to State Artistic competition based on the theme, "If I Could Give The World A Gift." Those from Stoneham were Ryan Dean, first in visual arts; Kelly Crowell, first in literature; Matt Nelson, first in photography. Awards were presented to winners in this year's Reflections program at the Mollyocket Middle School and Andrew Dean was one of these winners.

Faith Barker received high honors this past semester at the Mollyocket Middle School. Her name was omitted from last week's news.

Joel Barker, Matt Nelson, Mark Gagne, Ryan Crowell were participants in the Pinewood Derby held at the New Suncook School on Saturday, the 19th. The winners will be going to the Regionals a bit later on.

Heidi and Heather Shugars and Kristin Rolfe met with their Brownie Troop 171 this past week at the Lovell Church. They are working on different activities and this last week they were learning line dancing. Next week will be the court of awards.

Sue Bartlett, the head visiting nurse, called on Gladys Kilgore this week.

Readers, don't forget the Stoneham Town Meeting on March 5.

North Newry

By GIL SEELEY

Karlene Bachelder celebrated her birthday on Feb. 24 with her husband Ras and two friends, Betsy Clark and Gil Seeley. After a delicious lunch, ice cream and cake, she opened her presents and read a number of cards and letters from her family and friends from out of town. She also received telephone calls from several people.

Happy Birthday to Chelsea Clinton, daughter of President Clinton and First Lady, on her 14th birthday on Feb. 24.

"Special" (not to be taken too seriously)-people born with their sun in the sign of Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) are usually sympathetic, sociable, sentimental, and have strong and very deep emotions. Sometimes they are hard to understand and can be vague, indecisive and secretive. Their lucky stones are amethysts and aquamarines for courage and musical talent, also artistic ability. Their colors are white, mauve and lavender. Their favorite flowers are violets, white poppy, lotus, gardenia and jasmine.

Betsy Clark, Karlene Bachelder, Bea Lowell and Gil Seeley, of the "Newry Bowling Gang," were at the Oxford Lanes, Rumford one day last week. Karlene was the top scorer with high on the triples and singles and one string of 105. She had four spares, Betsy had three spares, Bea had three spares and Gil had two spares. All went to lunch and did some shopping.



EVERY TRIPLE LUTZER

BEGAN AS A SWADDLED LUMP-- Only time will tell if this heavily bundled tyke, 18-month-old Adrian Baker of Newry, will go on to ice skating fame. But Thursday evening she was content with gliding along with Nancy Babcock of Newry. The pair attended the Newry Recreation Committee's skating party at Sunday River Ski Resort. Scores of people turned out for the party, which was followed by a fireworks display. Adrian is the daughter of Randy and Marc Baker.

(Photo by Wendy Hanscom)

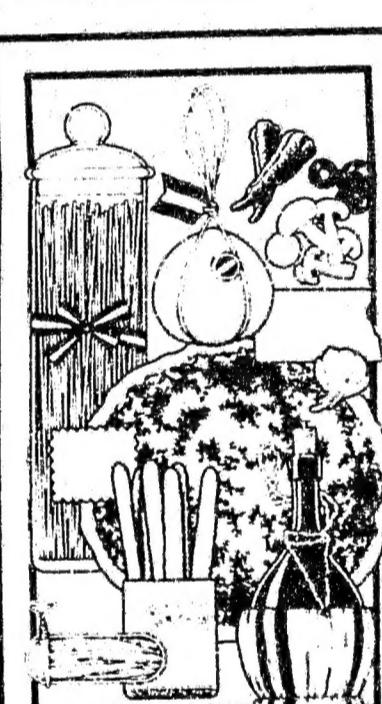
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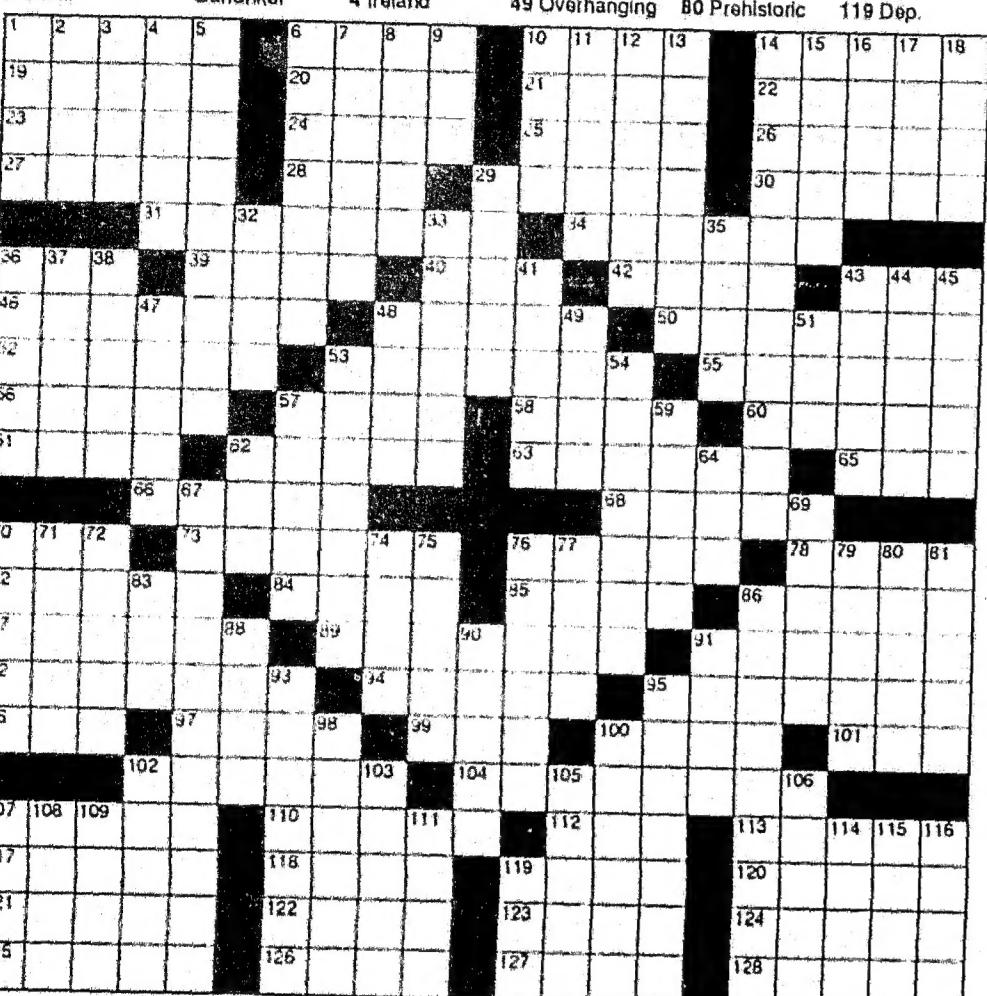
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29 As clear as —
30 Wiser?
31 Furnished bluntly
34 Refuse
36 Turkish officer
39 Many are civil
40 Political org.
42 Box or bush
43 Sibling
45 Authenticate
48 A thick liqueur
50 Knight of the Round Table
52 Diesel or tire follower
53 Small

Down

55 Suitcase for all
56 Angered
57 Sand hill, In England
58 Gabor, et al.
59 Artificial waterway
61 Dutch South
62 Woread
63 Casual observation
65 Sight or sore started
66 Belgian
68 Have being
70 Cleo's executioner
73 Sharp mountain
76 Wooden shoe
78 Horse or course
84 Central point
85 Isle off Ireland
86 Faux pas
87 Oscars, et al.
88 Levee
91 Philippine protector
92 Begun again
94 They invaded Spain
95 Summaries
96 Singer Garfunkel

97 Set of nested boxes
98 Wish undone
99 Platform in a synagogue
100 Opposite WNW
102 Gas-pump number
104 One of an African people
105 Bird sanctuary, often
107 Bird sanctuaries, often
108 Ethiopian people
109 Opposite WNW
110 Vigorous
112 Stones or Iron
113 English composer
117 "...out like —"
118 Oil-yielding tree
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OUTSTANDING WORK—Jason Littlehale (left) receives the 1993 Outstanding Service Award for Tri-Town Rescue ambulance personnel at the organization's recent annual meeting. Gary Austin, chief, made the presentation.

(Photo by Jane Chandler)

Tri-Town Rescue to buy new ambulance

By JANE CHANDLER

Tri-Town Rescue voted recently to purchase a new 1993 Med-Tech mini-mod ambulance and to pay cash for the vehicle, which should arrive in the middle of March.

At its annual meeting Tri-Town members viewed a similar model, shown by Bill Gates of First Delta Emergency Vehicles in Waterville, and were unanimous in the decision to purchase that unit, for a price not to exceed \$50,000. The new ambulance, which is still on the factory line, will replace the 1979 Wheeled Coach van which is now used for an equipment van. Tri-Town members also voted to have three transporting vehicles, the two primary vehicles (1989 and 1993) equipped at the paramedic level. The third back-up vehicle is the 1981 van.

Tri-Town's ability to pay cash is due to sound financial planning over the past several years. Tri-Town sets aside a certain amount each year for the capital improvement account. The auxiliary works hard each year with fundraising events. The next scheduled event is the annual variety show, which will be a Hee Haw Show, April 6. In addition, memorial donations are earmarked for the capital improvement account.

In other business, Jason Littlehale and Anita Hakala were honored for their outstanding service in 1993 to the ambulance personal and auxiliary, respectively.

In making the presentations, Dorene Benson, auxiliary president, described Anita as her "right hand man" who is always present and willing to do the extra things for the service. Anita lives with her husband, Wayne, in Greenwood City and has been an ac-

tive member of the auxiliary for eight years, serving currently as vice president.

Littlehale is an emergency medical technician, planning to upgrade to the intermediate level this spring. He has been very active in his three years as a Tri-Town member, always willing to pull an extra shift when needed. He is communications officer for the service. Littlehale volunteers for the West Paris Fire Department and works with the West Paris Emergency Management Agency. He lives in North Paris.

Tri-Town members elected officers at the annual meeting recently. The board of directors includes Mary Emery, coordinator; Viola Whitman, treasurer; Cindy Woodworth, secretary; Gary Austin, chief; Dorene Benson, auxiliary president; Hartley "Skip" Mowatt, search and rescue team leader; and Kathy Curtis, inservice dispatcher coordinator.

Ambulance personal officers include Gary Austin, chief; Joyce Howe, assistant chief; Warren Emery and Jack Roberts, housing officers; Jason Littlehale and Harry Archer, communications; Hartley "Skip" Mowatt, vehicle officer; Jane Chandler, training officer; Ruth Howe, secretary; Jeanne Morgan, supply officer; and Kathy Curtis, head inservice dispatcher.

Auxiliary officers include Dorene Benson, president; Anita Hakala, vice president; Richard Walker, treasurer; Grace Archer, secretary.

Search and Rescue Team officers include Hartley "Skip" Mowatt, team leader; Arlene Greenleaf and Jeanne Morgan, assistant team leaders; Terri Littlehale, secretary/treasurer; and Jeanne Morgan, training officer.

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Community Calendar

ACTIVITIES

Thursdays—Sale of vegetarian food (proceeds benefit the Forestdale School) at Thurlow Hall, Perkins Valley Road, Woodstock. For information call 674-2971.

Thursday, March 3—Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meeting at American Legion Hall, Bryant Pond.

Friday, March 4, 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., teachers' workshop on High School Financial Planning Project, Oxford County Extension Office, South Paris. Info and pre-registration required: 743-6329 or 1-800-287-1482.

World Day of Prayer will be observed at 1:30 p.m., Locke Mills Union Church. Welcome is extended to anyone in the vicinities of Locke Mills and Bethel. Refreshments will follow service.

Saturday, March 5—Andover Town Meeting, 9 a.m. at the Town Hall.

22nd Annual Sunday River Langlauf at 10 p.m. A point to point 15K race for average skiers or seasoned pros. Participants are asked to bring a small prize for the awards table. A snowshoe class has been added this year.

Sunday, March 6, 3 p.m.—The Opera House, Dixfield, will present The Ginny Palmer Quartet featuring music of Ellington, Kern, Jobim, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Armstrong, Billie Holiday. Admission free. All proceeds for travel assistance to Maine from Poland for visiting music professor Magdalena Dilugosz.

Monday, March 7, Newry Town Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Town Office. The Knitting Guild of America, Mt. View Knitters meetings: Day Group, 10 a.m.; Anna Selon Church, Fryeburg for workshop on yarn buttons; Evening Group at Sun Rock's, Bridgton—call 693-3060 for details. Visitors welcome.

Western Maine Management Club meeting, Bull Ring Restaurant, Oxford. Social hour 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m. Cost \$14. For reservations call Terri Grover at 647-3331 no later than March 4.

Tuesday, March 8—Woodstock Alumni meeting at the home of Alice Hoy, Bryant Pond.

Mundi-Allen Post 81, Bethel, annual oyster stew birthday supper. All legionnaires and auxiliary members and guests are invited. Chicken pie for those who do not eat oyster stew.

Forward Fellowship, West Paris, food sale at Mt. Abram.

E.B. Forbes-Goodwill Group meeting, 10:30 a.m. at Louvie Coffin's, West Paris, for potluck dinner at noon.

Wednesday, March 9, 11 a.m.—Bethel Senior Citizens meeting at Bethel Methodist Church. Dinner \$5.

Thursday, March 10, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.—Crescent Park School PTA meeting at Telstar library.

March 12, "Snow White" sponsored by the CPS/PTA, 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar High School auditorium. Adults, \$2, students, \$1.

March 13, "Snow White" sponsored by the CPS/PTA, 2 p.m. at the Telstar High School auditorium. Adults \$2, students, \$1.

March 11-12-13—Down East AIDS Network will sponsor "Women Living with HIV" at Sebago Lake. Free. Call Bobby at Down East AIDS Network 1-800-669-0893 or 667-3500 prior to March 1. Limit 15 women.

March 11-April 8, Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fri. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.—A Maine-artist only show of paintings, ceramics, furniture, rugs, tapestries, photographs, jewelry at Lewiston-Auburn College. Exhibit precedes the L/A Arts Auction on April 9. Between 5 and 9 p.m. works will be sold to highest bidder. Tickets \$15 for auction—call 782-7228 or 1-800-639-2919.

Tuesday, March 15, 7 p.m.—Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting at the Bethel Town Office meeting room. Public welcome.

Wednesday, March 16, The Knitting Guild of America, Mt. View Knitters Machine Knitters meeting. Call 452-2494 for details. Visitors welcome.

Friday, March 18, deadline for entries in the Bethel Citizen/Locke Mills Shurfine Cabin Fever Contest.

SAD44 residents ski free at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free ski rentals and the resort's Guaranteed Learn to Ski Program for those 13 and older. Youngsters under 18 must have a parent or guardian sign for ski rentals.

Saturday, March 19, Ninth Annual Maine Handicapped Ski-a-thon at Sunday River. Call Maine Handicapped Ski Center at 824-2440.

Thursday, March 24, 4 to 6 p.m.—Abused Women's Advocacy Project will present "Dynamics of Domestic Violence: What is this about?" at UMA Rumford/Mexico conference room. Info: Abused Women's Advocacy Project, 369-0750.

Upton Town Meeting, 7 p.m., School Building.

Saturday, March 26, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Benefit breakfast fundraiser for Safer Families Program at Skidders Deli, Main Street, Bethel.

4th Annual Women's Health Conference at Bethel Area Health Center. Flyers available at BAHC. For information call 824-2780.

Greenwood Town Meeting, 10 a.m., Town Hall

Gilead Town Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall.

Bethel Citizen/Locke Mills Shurfine contest judging.

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Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tuesday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 4-8 p.m.; Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Betsy Raymond, Librarian.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tuesday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 3-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

Upton Town Meeting, 7 p.m., School Building.

SAFER FAMILIES Safer Families of Oxford County sponsors free and confidential domestic violence services and support groups for presently or formerly abused women. Meetings are held in Rumford on Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Bethel. The Safer Families toll free 24-hour help and crisis hotline is 1-800-287-2292. For more information call 824-2193 or 1-800-287-2292 (24-hours a day).

REACH Rape Ed. and Crisis Hotline 1-800-622-2365. Sexual abuse helpline, 743-9777. Past or present victims of abuse.

MONTHLY MEETINGS First Wednesday: Purity Chapter 102, OES, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting. Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7:30 p.m.

Woodstock Planning Board meets at the Town Office.

First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Gilead Selectmen meet at the Town Office at 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Every Thursday: West Paris Board of Selectmen meet at the Town office, 6:30 p.m.

First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Upton Board of Selectmen meets, 6 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at the Bethel Area Health Center, 7:30 a.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Lodge No. 97, AF & AM.

S.H.A.R.E. support group for parents suffering loss of infant or miscarriage, at Stephens Memorial Hospital 7 p.m., 824-2913.

CPS/PTA will meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Babysitting provided.

Third Thursday: Fish & Game, at the Bethel United Methodist Church; potluck supper 6 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m.

Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club, at Newry municipal building, 7 p.m.

First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

Every Friday: Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

First Friday: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Newry home of Norman and Eleanor Davis, 824-2844.

Woodstock

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist-Pastor Michael Cabana, Saturday, 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school, 11 a.m. worship.

Newry

Newry Community Church—Rodney H. Hanscom, closed for winter; worship services again in March, 1994.

Andover

MCI appeal delays frustrate selectmen

By BARBARA ADAMS

The lack of resolution of years of MCI Telecommunications Corp. tax appeals has caused frustration among Andover selectmen, according to selectman chair Wayne Delano.

In a phone conversation Thursday, town attorney Curtis Webber stated that if MCI won everything that they are claiming, "the town would owe them one million dollars."

"If you add up all the taxes MCI has said it overpaid," Webber said, "it would cost one million dollars."

"If that should occur," Delano said, "MCI would own the town. If MCI wins anything, we cannot recover the money we have paid to the SAD44 school district, and the taxpayers have to pull it out of their pockets. That is not fair, paying twice."

Delano said he has always maintained there should have been some system to put a part of the taxes which MCI has paid in escrow, and the money for the school district subsequently reduced by that amount.

Webber said Thursday that the State Board of Property Tax Review had denied MCI's appeal regarding the 1988 taxes on the grounds that MCI had not provided adequate response to the town's certified assessor, Michael Austin's request for information. On MCI's appeal to superior court, the case was sent back to the Tax Review Board on the grounds that MCI had not been given adequate time to formulate its responses, and that the case should be heard on its merits.

"Again on the 1989 case, there was a decision for the town on procedural issues, and MCI appealed to Superior Court," Webber said.

An oral decision for the town had been given on the 1989 case, Webber said, and a written decision was supposed to come from the Tax

Review Board. Webber said that Assistant Attorney Diane Doyon had prepared a draft decision in 1992 and circulated it among the tax board, but it was never formally issued for two years.

MCI could not appeal until the written decision had been issued, Webber said.

"The only years we have decisions are on 1988 and 1989," Webber said.

He said he hoped that hearings for the 1990 and 1991 appeals could be consolidated, but he said the MCI attorney told him he felt that hearings should be held for each year.

"It probably makes sense to consolidate all the cases," Webber said Thursday.

"It is extremely frustrating to be on the board three years," Delano said, "and basically nothing at all has happened with MCI. It's also extremely frustrating to see other towns go through the process within a year, like Mexico and Bath Iron Works, and yet our case goes back to 1988."

"It is extremely frustrating to think a company as big as MCI is really trying to put the squeeze on a town with a population of 900 people. The state has been holding it up. I have been in office three years in March, and nothing has changed except legal briefs, and responses to petitions back and forth."

"The thing that really is not fair to taxpayers," he said, "is that the state has dragged its feet for so long. If it had been handled by the state efficiently the first year or two, it wouldn't have been mounting year after year."

"The state has an evaluation on the town," he said, "close to our evaluation. That's with the schools and everything else it is based on. I don't see how the state can step in and say the town is not worth what it is assessed for; it is not fair to tax-

payers."

When contacted by phone regarding the delay, Andover MCI station manager Don Verrill said MCI had "no comment." Attempts to reach the MCI corporate headquarters were unsuccessful.

The Property Tax Review Board said rather than comment, they preferred that Assistant Attorney General Judith Chamberlin be contacted, as she is now handling the matter.

Chamberlin said by phone Thursday, "Procedurally, the 1988 case went to superior court and was remanded for a hearing on its merits. MCI also had appeals for 1989, 1990, and 1991. The 1989 case went on appeal to superior court, and there was an agreement by all parties that the Property Tax Review Board stay a decision on the 1988, 1990, 1991 cases, pending a court decision on the 1989 case."

"So that is where it stands. Once that decision is rendered, the tax board is ready, willing, and able to move forward on the other cases."

Delano commented, "That is true, but how long will it take? It is still five years and I still have a problem with that. Why would it take five years for this to be decided? My concern is still that the state puts Andover in a precarious position by hesitating for five years. Every year that goes by affects the whole town. Yes, it only affects five years, but it is ridiculous."

"She (Chamberlin) seems to be on top of things," Webber said. "It is somehow jinxed to get this finally over. The state board managed to lose transcripts and exhibits on the 1989 appeal. We have supplied copies of the transcripts and are prepared to submit exhibits. The board is holding 1988 in suspense while waiting for a decision on 1989."

SMALL BUSINESS SEMINAR

The Androscoggin Valley Council of Government's (AVCOG) Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), Western Mountain 586 (Rumford), co-sponsor a training seminar for individuals thinking about starting a small business. Topics discussed will be: break even analysis, marketing, and sources of financing.

Scheduled speakers include: Edward Clohossy, SCORE; Joe Balchunas, AVCOG/SBDC business counselor; Jessica Roy, AVCOG/SBDC business counselor, and Greg Whitney, AVCOG business finance specialist.

The workshop will be held at the Linnell Motel, Rumford, Wednesday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The cost is \$10 per person. For registration and more information contact Ed Clohossy, chairman, SCORE at 364-3733, or Joe Balchunas, AVCOG/SBDC, 783-9186.

MHS RECEIVES GRANT

Maine Handicapped Skiing (MHS) will be expanding its training and education library thanks to a \$1,000 grant from EXXON. The grant was given in recognition of MHS volunteer Walter Hatch of Bethel.

EXXON makes grants to non-profit organizations as part of its Volunteer Involvement Fund Program, one of several conducted by EXXON's domestic affiliates to encourage volunteerism by employees and annuitants.

"MHS is excited to be able to purchase books and videos to expand the resources available to our volunteers," said Betsy Doyon, MHS program director.

FROM THE

Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Many thanks to the Bethel Inn and Country Club for hosting the general membership meeting and to all the members who came to give their input. Also, thanks to Chip Vicary, Tom Richardson, Chris Brink and Jeff Frost from Sunday River who updated us on the Sunday River Silver Bullet Express Ski Train.

The chamber is excited to announce the date of Sunday, March 13, for the second annual Chamber Ski Challenge at Sunday River. Teams of five individuals (must include at least one female) may enter for \$175, which includes a full day of skiing, an opportunity to compete in the Ski Challenge Race, win prizes and/or two round trip tickets on Delta Air Lines to any destination in the continental United States. Applications are available at the chamber office. Registration is limited to the first 20 teams, so sign up early.

Many thanks to Heywood Sawyer who is volunteering in the chamber office two Saturdays a month.

Rotary Club notes:

A most interesting and enlightening program was presented by Dewaine Craig, director of NOVA and ably assisted by Ted Davis, principal, Telstar High, and David Murphy, principal, Crescent Park School. This group of administrators along with one representative from SAD43 and two from the Lewiston/Auburn school system attended a national conference on year-round education. The meeting site was San Diego, Calif.

Craig used a flip-chart presentation to explain how the school year could be restructured to better utilize both time and classroom space, and better cater to the needs of both faculty/teachers and students. A number of these programs are already being used, primarily in the West, with good results indicated. As with any new system, the good and the bad have to be worked out.

Many Rotarians took an active, interested part in questioning this concept of year-round schooling. Funding, school breaks, vacation work time, the need for change and the availability of state monies were a few of the areas questioned. As Al Barth commented, "This a concept whose time has come but many things remain to be worked out before final implementation. Following the progression of this concept within SAD44 will make for interesting reading and study by all concerned.

1994 DEER SEASON

Maine's deer hunting seasons for 1994 will be similar to those of recent years, according to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

The 1994 seasons, set a year ago to facilitate vacation and business

planning, are as follows:

--Regular firearms season: Oct. 31 to Nov. 26.
--Maine-residents-only day: Oct. 29.
--Archery: Sept. 29 to Oct. 28.
--Muzzleloader: Nov. 28 to Dec. 3.

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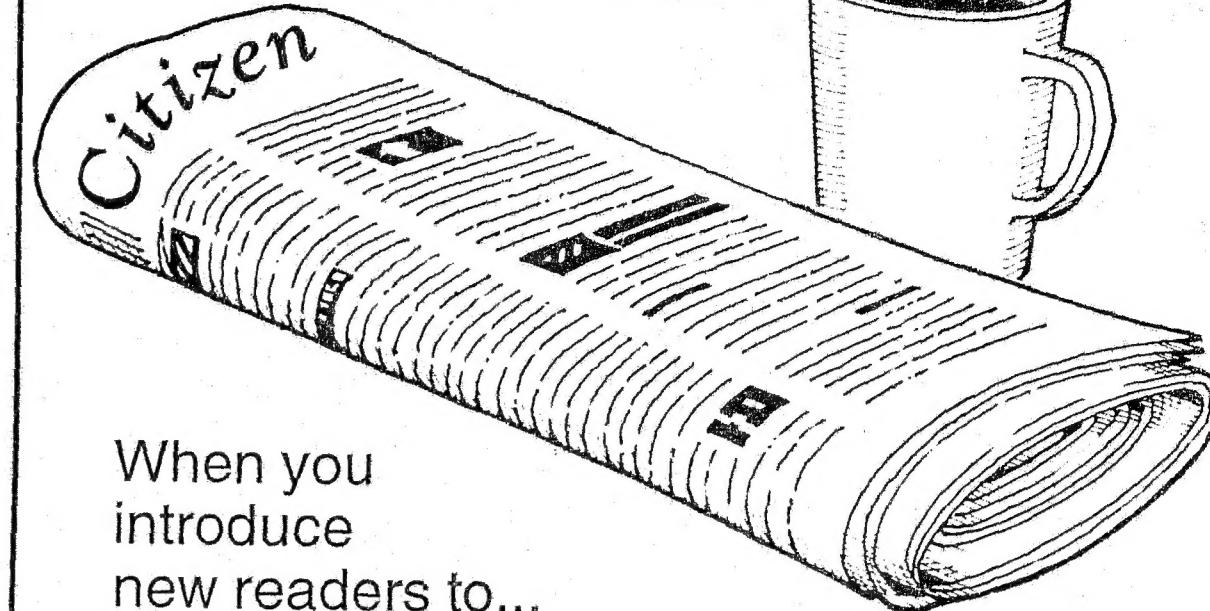
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CROSS COUNTRY ACROSS THE GENERATIONS—Three-year-old Will Chapman of Locke Mills and 70-something John Roderick of Rumford enjoy a day of skiing at Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center in Newry. Roderick has been skiing for more than 60 years, while Will was on skis for the first time when this picture was taken.

(Photo by Peggy Wright)

Leo Buscaglia donates book to YMCA auction

Leo F. Buscaglia, Ph.D., author and popular inspirational speaker has donated an autographed hardcover book, "Born for Love -- Reflections on Loving" to the upcoming Oxford Hills YMCA Celebrity Auction on March 5.

Buscaglia has written 13 books, most of which deal with the experience of love. At one time five of his books appeared on the "New York Times" best-seller list concurrently. His first book, "Love," has been a continual best-seller for 20 years. Over 18 million of his books are in circulation and have been translated into 17 languages. He continues to research, write and lecture internationally. He is deeply involved in promoting the dynamics of giving and loving through his nonprofit Felice Foundation and his work with a myriad of philanthropic organizations.

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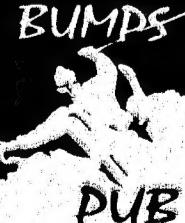
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Handicapped Ski-A-Thon moves to Summit

The Summit Hotel Grand Ballroom will be the new headquarters of Maine Handicapped Skiing's (MHS) 9th Annual Ski-A-Thon at Sunday River Ski Resort on Saturday, March 19.

In 1993, 575 participants raised \$230,000 during the Ski-A-Thon, Maine's largest single day fundraising event. The 8,385 individual tax deductible contributions provide children and adults with a physical

disability the opportunity to experience a rehabilitative winter recreation. Contributions allow MHS to be offered free of charge. Individuals with a physical disability need not worry about whether or not they can afford to participate.

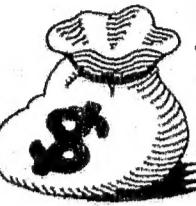
Ski-A-Thon teams of five individuals raise a minimum of \$500 to be eligible to participate. Pledges can be made for the number of runs, vertical transport feet a participant

skis, or can be a fixed pledge contribution. Team members and volunteers receive a commemorative T-shirt, lunch, and a BBQ and dancing following the awards ceremony held in the Summit Hotel Grand Ballroom. Sponsor contributions keep the cost to administer the event to approximately \$3,000.

MHS's 12th season is underway. Adaptive alpine ski programs are offered mid-week through March

18. MHS provides a trained volunteer instructor, standard as well as adaptive ski equipment, and Sunday River contributes \$250,000 worth of lift tickets a year.

For more information on how to get involved with MHS's Ski-A-Thon, student, or volunteer programs call 824-2440 (TDD) or stop by the MHS Ski Center at Sunday River.



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'Storyteller' wraps up library discussion series

The Bethel Library finishes its five-part reading and discussion series, "Different People, Different Places," on Wednesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. with a discussion of Leslie Silko's "Storyteller." The featured speaker for the program will be Pat Onion, associate chair of the English Department at Colby College.

"Storyteller" is a kind of autobiography, a collection of stories that tells the amalgamated story of Silko's consciousness and how it has been formed by the rich oral tradition of the Laguna Pueblo.

"Storyteller" also inaugurates Silko's role as a storyteller, as someone who tells the traditional stories and at the same time recreates them by sifting them through her own experience. Silko creates a storyteller's voice that is both traditional and modern, but using italicized metadiscourse, that is, discourse about the discourse, or comments about the story that reach straight across the words to the reader.

Pat Onion received her Ph.D. from Harvard University in Renaissance English. Her favorite course at Colby is "The Continuity of American Indian Literature," a course she has been teaching for four years. A long-time admirer of Leslie Marmon Silko, she has taught "Ceremony" often and is currently directing an honors thesis on "Almanac of the Dead."

"Different People, Different Places: Native Americans, Europeans and the Environments They Created," is a program developed by the three state Humanities councils (Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts), and is supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information on this final session or to pick up the book for this session, please call the Bethel Library (824-2520) and/or visit at 6 Broad Street, Bethel.

Historical society announces 1994 meeting schedule

John Bayerlein, chairman of the Bethel Historical Society's Program Committee, announced recently that the schedule of monthly meetings for 1994 has been planned by the committee.

January's "So You Think You Know Bethel" and February's annual historical film festival are regular events each year. The schedule for the remainder of 1994 is as follows: March 3, Oral History Night; April 7, "Cleveland-Bethel Connections," Stanley R. Howe, director, Bethel Historical Society; May 5, "History of the Oxford County Jail" by Sheriff Lloyd C. Herrick of Oxford County; June 2, "Historical Highlights of the Brick Grammar School (built 1894); July 7, Annual Picnic, Tour of Sunday River Valley; Aug. 4, "D.D. Coombs: Lewiston's Painter Laureate," Genetta McLean, director, Bates College Museum; Sept. 1, potluck supper, 29th annual meeting, "People from Away: Mount Desert Island at the Turn of the Century," Earle G. Shettleworth Jr., director, Maine Historic Preservation Commission; Oct. 6, "What's It" Night; Nov. 3, "Richardson's Lakes: Some Historical Highlights" Randall H. Bennett, curator of collections, Bethel Historical Society; Dec. 1, "Christmas with the Masons." All meetings unless otherwise specified will be held at the Society's Broad Street headquarters, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The picnic will begin at 5 p.m. and the potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.

The committee also selected Jere Daniell of Dartmouth College to present the 1994 Hall Memorial Lecture during Sudbury Canada Days in August.

MANAGEMENT CLUB

Western Maine Management Club will meet on March 7 at the Bull Ring Restaurant, Oxford. Social Hour will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with dinner from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The meal will be \$14 per person.

The guest speaker, starting at 7:30 p.m., will be Keith Kirkham, Maine Department of Economic Development. The topic will be "Maine in the International Economy."

Reservations for the meeting are being taken by Terri Grover of Fred P. Saunders Co. in Bridgton, 647-3331. The deadline is March 4, to reserve.

Western Maine Management Club, started in 1961, is made up of business people in Western Maine who meet on the first Monday of each month to discuss issues and ideas timely to today's business climate.

AWAP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Abused Women's Advocacy Project is planning its spring recruitment and volunteer training. Volunteers are needed to help with emergency transportation, office coverage, court advocacy, child care, community presentations, and hotline staff. Training sessions are scheduled for the Rumford and South Paris areas beginning March 15. For an interview or more information, call 369-0750.

KNITTING GUILD OF AMERICA

—Day group: March 7 at 10 a.m. at Anna Seaton Church, Fryeburg for a workshop on yarn buttons.

—Evening group: March 7 at Sue Rock's in Bridgton. Call 693-3060 for details.

—Machine Knitters: meet March 16. Call 452-2494 for details. Visitors welcome.

Pro boarders at Sunday River this weekend

The Butterfinger Pro Snowboard Tour will make its final stop at Sunday River on March 4 through 6, when more than 100 of the world's top professional and amateur competitors face-off for the tour championship in three disciplines and for prize money totaling \$40,000.

The Sunday River event is the last of a nationwide series featuring men's alpine points leader Jeremy Jones, men's Boarder Derby Leader David Basterrechea and men's freestyle championship contender Todd Richards. Top female competitors include women's alpine favorite Tara Eberhard-Masterpool, who has two first place finishes in the series, Boarder Derby standout Janina Mayen and overall freestyle leader Cara-Beth Burnside.

Competition begins with a Super-G on Friday, March 4 on the Obsession trail. Racers will compete for the best time skiing through gates in this event adopted from alpine skiing. The six-man Boarder Derby is scheduled for Saturday, March 5 in the snowboard park located on the Starlight Trail. Competitors tackle the bumps, jumps and banks on a course that is described by snowboarders as similar to a motor-cross motorcycle track. The weekend wraps-up on Sunday with Halfpipe competition, a freestyle event, which will also run in the snowboard park. All events start at 10 a.m.

Registration begins on March 3 at noon in the Whittier Room of the Summit Hotel. The entry fee is \$75 for one discipline, or \$150 for competing in all three. Amateurs are welcome to compete.

The tour is sanctioned by the International Snowboard Federation, and sponsored by Butterfinger Candy Bars, Paul Mitchell Salon Haircare and Ford Trucks.

Portions of the Sunday River event are scheduled to be aired on

BETHEL SENIOR CITIZENS

The Bethel Senior Citizens will meet March 9 at 11 a.m. at the Bethel Methodist Church. Price of dinner is \$5.

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Gould's Tootle-Birds take wing

With the intent of educating elementary students with little or no prior exposure to opera, Gould music director Paul Nelson has created a 20 minute one-act traveling opera performed by a cast of Gould students.

Offered free of charge to elementary and nursery schools within 45 minutes of Bethel, it also provides performance opportunities for the Gould students beyond their usual seasonal theatrical and music shows.

The idea is new in Bethel, but not unique -- Nelson was Education/Outreach Coordinator for the Cincinnati Opera, and oversaw a program that performed for over 90,000 school-age children a year.

"Almost no children this age have ever seen an opera, and many of their parents do not have positive images of opera," says Nelson. The Cincinnati Pro-

gram used professional singers, but Nelson figured that by doing a one-act piece, the Gould performers, too, could present an engaging, high quality show.

Nelson points to school budget cuts that have reduced the music curriculum in many schools as a rationale for providing the Tale of the Tootle-Bird as a community service. The Gould students also benefit from performing in front of the youngsters. "It's an audience where anything can happen," he says, "from a child's impromptu climb on to the stage to children screaming with excitement."

The cast includes Miguel Fernandez of Spain, Anneliese Bass of Bethel, Quentin Stockwell of Waterford, Jennifer Curley of Alna, Brandon Fulford of Keene, NH, John Oprendek of South Burlington, VT, and Kwok Wong of New York, NY.

BEACH PARTY WINNERS

Winners of the Bethel Savings Bank "Beach Party" drawings were: Bea Lowell, Robert Belanger, Beverly Hinckley, Sue Cross, Troy Jordan, Clyde Brooks, Kim McNamara, Lucia Smith, Luella Sciaraffa, Veronica Penley, Stewart Mason.

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Jackson-Silver Auxiliary

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On the Feb. 14, many attended the wedding of Raymond Tripp, Jr., past commander of the Post, and Betsy Gaudreau, a member of the Unit.

On Feb. 15, Oxford County Council, hosted by Jackson-Silver Post and Unit, held the annual Oratorical Contest. This involves young people from high schools in the county who must prepare an oration of eight to ten minutes based upon some part of the U.S. Constitution. This is followed by a shorter extemporaneous talk on an assigned topic for which they are given five minutes to prepare. First place was won by Sam Wood of Oxford Hills High School, whose prepared oration concerned the Electoral College and second was Jarrod Crockett of Gould Academy, who spoke about the Constitution in general. Both did an excellent job and were given cash awards by Oxford County Council, American Legion. The Oxford County winner will face winners from Franklin and Androscoggin counties on Feb. 27 at the Rumford Post for the District 2 contest.

Feb. 17, about 50 members and guests, including some from the Bethel, West Paris and Peru Posts and Units, enjoyed a delicious

oyster stew prepared by Del Wilson and Leah Deegan and served by Post members. Del also made the rolls according to his mother's tried-and-true recipe. The dessert of carrot cake was prepared by Leah Deegan.

Following the supper, a number of raffle tickets were sold on a large afghan and the winning ticket was drawn, Linda Chase holding the lucky one. Proceeds from this raffle were earmarked for The Chapel of Four Chaplains now located at Valley Forge. When the raffle was started, one member said that if the Unit could raise \$100 she would match it. The final tally was \$210.

In a meeting following the supper the Unit made plans for several future activities. On March 3 they will cater a dinner for the Woodstock/Greenwood Senior Citizens at noon and have a regular meeting that evening. On March 17 the usual supper will be served to honor the beginning of The American Legion, this year being the diamond anniversary.

Other dates to remember are March 15 when the Oxford County Council Legion and Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Rumford Post Home for the regular meeting and election of officers, and April 30 when Jackson-Silver Unit will host the Junior Auxiliary for their department convention.

Red Cross asks for help

The United Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross is launching an immediate disaster fundraising appeal needed to provide relief to recent fire victims and anticipated disaster victims through June 30, 1994.

"With 17 fires since Jan. 10, we have exceeded our estimated budget for the fiscal year," said Bonnie Bickford, executive director of the chapter. "Since the beginning of the year, the areas affected by fire include Hebron, Phillips, Lewiston, Norway, Dryden, Livermore Falls and South Paris. Our expenses to date total \$71,000 and that figure doesn't include the most recent fires in Mechanic Falls and Auburn."

The Myrtle Street fire in Auburn occurred on Wednesday, Feb. 16, leaving 24 people, adults and children, without homes, clothing or food. Of the nine apartments involved, six were complete losses and three received excessive damage. According to Amy Guimond, emergency services

director for the chapter, the estimated assistance for that fire alone could exceed \$10,000.

Immediate monetary donations are needed to assist the American Red Cross in responding to the needs of the area's most recent disaster victims as well as those anticipated for the remainder of the fiscal year, officials said. The Red Cross works initially on an itemized voucher system designed to help victims with immediate needs. The chapter then works with other agencies in the area for referrals for shelter, used clothing and furniture.

The American Red Cross also assists with unusual emergency needs. Most recently, the chapter assisted family members with funeral expenses incurred as a result of a fatal fire in Augusta.

Donations may be forwarded to the United Valley Chapter, American Red Cross, P.O. Box 349, Auburn, ME 04212-0349. For additional information, contact the chapter at 795-4004.

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RUSSIAN EXCHANGE

Applications are again available for membership in the annual visit by the Maine delegation to the Russian Republic of Komi. (Komi is the most northeastern region of European Russia, lying on the western slopes of the Ural mountains.)

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Obituaries

VELMA M. KEENE

Velma M. Keene, 85, of East Sumner, died Friday, Feb. 26, 1994, at Ledgeview Nursing Home.

She was born in Hartford on March 19, 1908, the daughter of Milton and Bessie (Howard) Luce, and was educated in Hartford schools. She taught elementary school in Hartford and also worked at Cole's General Store in East Sumner for many years.

Mrs. Keene was an associate member of the East Sumner Congregational Church, East Sumner Women's Fellowship, Sumner Senior Citizens and a charter member of Hartford Historical and Improvement Society and the Sumner Historical Society.

On Oct. 18, 1979, she was given a life membership card by the John D. Long American Legion Post #58 of Buckfield.

She lived in East Sumner since 1944, after moving from Hartford. She married A. Raymond Keene on Nov. 8, 1956, he died on April 26, 1980.

Survivors include two stepdaughters, Mrs. Frances Wyman of Norway, and Mrs. Robert (Irma) Trundy of Hebron; eight step grandchildren, 15 step great-grandchildren and one step great-great-grandchild.

She was predeceased by a stepson, Roland E. Keene, who died in 1988, and a step grandson, Ivan Trundy, who died in 1990.

FERROLL P. WITTER

Ferroll P. Witter, 77, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1994, at his residence on Bisbee Town Road, North Waterford.

He was born in Shawmut on March 17, 1916, the son of Andrew and Harriett (McGee) Witter. He was educated in Berlin, N.H., schools and worked at Newton & Tebbets in West Bethel, Grafton Lumber Company in Bethel and as a woodsman.

Mr. Witter was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the American Legion Post 197 of Westbrook, VFW of South Paris, Disabled American Veterans and also served as a communicant of Our Lady of the Snows in Bethel.

On May 31, 1941, he married Marie Corrigan. He had lived in North Waterford since 1984, after moving from Bethel.

Survivors include his wife of North Waterford; four daughters, Crystal Howard of Rumford, Glynda Flynn of Windham, Ruth Thornton of Rumford Point and Jill Moffett of North Waterford, with whom he made his home; a sister, Avis Dooen of Bethel; two brothers, Edward Witter of Houston, Texas, and Glynn Witter of South Paris; 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a granddaughter, Felicia Moffett.

Funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Snows in Bethel with Fr. Albert Colpitts as celebrant. Interment will be at the Riverside Cemetery, Bethel, in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Stoneham Rescue, P.O. Box 42, East Stonham, ME 04231 or the Bethel Rescue, c/o Arlene Greenleaf, P.O. Box 108, Bethel, ME 04217.

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DANIEL C. HINKLEY

Daniel C. Hinkley, 82, of South Paris died Friday, Feb. 25, 1994, at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway.

He was born in Farmington, April 27, 1911, and attended Farmington schools. He was employed at P.H. Chadbourne in Bethel as a lumberman and later worked at Ecko Tebbets in Locke Mills and at Burnham-Morrill Company in South Paris.

He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He married Eva Harthorne in 1931; she died in 1946.

Survivors include a son, Stanley of Winn; two daughters, Barbara Swain of Phoenix, Ariz., and Claire Robbins of Lisbon Falls; his companion of many years, Corrine Lombard of South Paris; four sisters, Nada Sessions of South Paris, Freda Hart of Bethel, Nancy Palmer of Bryant Pond and Louise Howard of Phillips; two brothers, Robert Hinkley and Everett Cole, both of Bethel, and several grandchildren. Mr. Hinkley was predeceased by a daughter, Faye Henley, two brothers, Malcolm and Richard, and a sister, Lillian.

Graveside services will be held in the spring at the South Bethel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those

who wish may contribute to his memory to PACE Ambulance Services, Main Street, Norway or American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2208, Augusta, ME 04330.

Ruby May Jodrey Mott, 76, of Meriden, Conn., died Sunday, Feb. 13, 1994, at the Westfield Health Care Center there. She was the wife of the late Kenneth Douglas Mott.

She was born in Bethel on June 2, 1917, a daughter of the late Austin and Alice Silva Jodrey, and was a graduate of Gould Academy. She worked in the shipping department at the Quantum Corp. in Wallingford, Conn., and had attended the First United Methodist Church of Meriden.

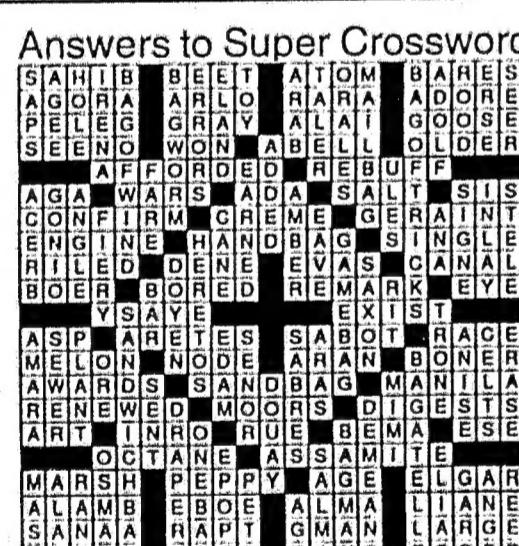
She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, William and Pamela Tully of Meriden, and Robert and Bonita Panaroni of Clinton, Conn.; a son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Corinne Mott of Sodus, N.Y.; two sisters, Ethel Robillard of Gorham and Mary Kriby of Clearwater, Fla.; a brother, Walter Jodrey of Gorham, N.H.; and seven grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Beecher and Bennett Flatow Funeral Home, Meriden, Conn. The Rev. Ralph Lord Roy officiated. Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Meriden.

Philip G. Lewis, 87, died Thursday, Feb. 24, 1994, at the Rumford Community Hospital. He resided at 683 Somerset Street, Rumford and had been a resident of the area since 1924.

He was born in Whiting a son of Oscar and Edna (Chase) Lewis. He attended schools in Woodland and also Hebron Academy. He had worked in the printing department of Continental Paper & Bag Co. and as a laboratory technician for the Oxford Paper Company. In 1931 he joined the U.S. Post Office. From 1958 to 1962 he was acting post master. He retired in 1966 after 30 years of service. He was a member of the Rumford United Methodist Church and served as Sunday School teacher and superintendent and was a member of the church choir. He also served the church by representing it at the Annual Conference. He was a Boy Scout leader of Troop 145. He was a 50-year member and past master of Blazing Star Lodge 30, AF & AM; a Past High Priest of the Rumford Chapter 56, Royal Arch Masons; a Past Commander of Strathglass Commandery 21, Knights Templar; a member of Maine Council of Anointed High Priests; a member of Oxford Council Royal and Select Masters, Eusebius Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Past Commanders Association; a member of Kora Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. (Shrine)

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ELIZABETH C. ROSS

Elizabeth C. Ross, 92, of West Paris died Sunday afternoon, Feb. 27, 1994, at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway following a brief illness.

She was born in North Auburn on Oct. 22, 1901, the daughter of Cyrus P. and Addie Buckman Campbell. She was a graduate of South Paris High School and had devoted her life to her family as a homemaker. For a while she had worked at the West Paris Post Office during World War II. She was married in West Paris on Feb. 20, 1947, to Ronald Ross who still resides at their West Paris home. Mrs. Ross was a former member of the Eleanor B. Forbes Club in West Paris.

She is survived by her husband of West Paris, a daughter, Rachel Roy of Portland; two sons, David Dunham of South Woodstock and

Richard Dunham of North Haven, Conn.; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; also by a stepdaughter, Helen Farr of Bryant Pond, a stepson, Stuart Ross of Gardner, Mass.; nine step-grandchildren and eight step-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 6 at 11 a.m. at the Meader and Son Funeral Home, Norway. Those who desire may contribute in her memory to the Stephens Memorial Hospital Memorial Fund, Main Street, Norway, ME 04268. Interment will be in the spring at Wayside Cemetery in West Paris.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To submit events for the Community Calendar, you may bring in your copy to The Bethel Citizen or call the office at 824-2444, by noon on Mondays.

PROBATE PAMPHLET

The Maine State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral and Information Service recently published its 17th client education pamphlet entitled "Probate--What should I know about it?"

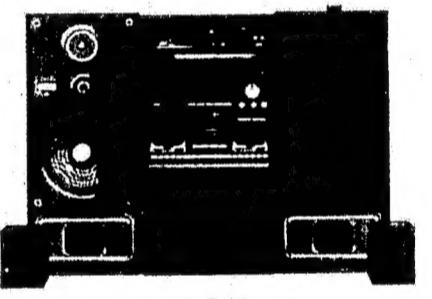
The pamphlet offers a general explanation of what probate is and explains how an estate is settled in Maine. Topics covered include: duties of the personal representative, income and obligations, estate funds and bank accounts and taxes. "Probate--What should I know about it?" is available free of charge to the public by calling the Lawyer Referral and Information Service at 622-1460.

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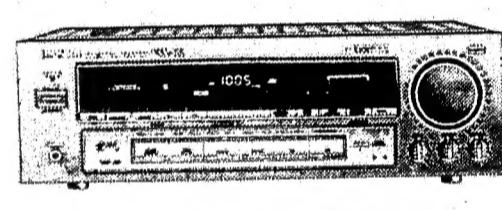
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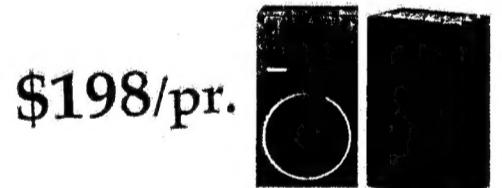
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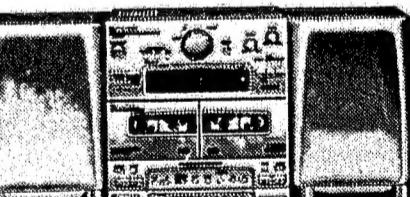
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